Dear Mr. Newman,

Enclosed are the references requested, and which I hope are satisfactory.

Yours truly,
G.H. North.
G.H.North,
A.N.S. Julyl, 1954.

Hocking. Royal Mint Museum Catalogue, Vol. 2, p. 119.

Virginia.

The coinage for Virginia was authorised by Royal Warrant dated 20th. May, 1773 (see vol. 1., p. 302 for general notice and specimen coin).

2833. Halfpenny. Matrix. Obv., laureated bust of King George II. to right without armour; no inscription. See coin No. 3916.

2834. Halfpenny. Punch. Obv. as the matrix No. 2833; no inscription.

2835. Die. Rev., 1773. Crowned and garnished shield charged with the arms of Virginia; the date above divided by the crown: VIRGINIA SEE COIN No. 3916.

reference to p. 302, v. 1 (above) reads as follows:

Dr. Crosby and Mr. Atkins unite in doubting that the coins known as Virginia halfpennies constituted an authorised issue for that colony. A copy, however, of the Royal Warrant authorising the coinage exists among the mint records. This warrant is dated 20th. May, 1773, and provided for the coining of 25 tons in halfpence, 60 of which should weigh 1 lb. avoirdupois. The reverse design is described as the Virginia Arms "with the St. George's cross, leaving out the escutcheon and crowns, except one crown at the top as on the guinea, without crest, supporters, and motto, except the word VIRGINIA round the arms, with the date of the year." The dies are preserved in the Mint Museum.

December 14, 1954

Virginia Historical Society
707 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Attention: Mr. John M. Jennings, Director

Gentlemen:

I am writing an article on the halfpence for Virginia and my friend, Charles Van Ravenswaay of the Missouri Historical Society, suggested that I might get in touch with you.

I would like to know where the original records of Virginia are with respect to the period from November, 1774 through June, 1775 and also what newspapers were published during that period in Virginia. Was there a separate Treasury Department which had any report of proceedings or were all reports made to the General Assembly? I am wondering whether any of these reports were published or how one can examine the original records.

Would you also be kind enough to tell me where the Virginia newspapers might be on file during that period. I presume that all of these matters would center about Williamsburg but I imagine the records are in Richmond.

I will appreciate any assistance you can give me in this respect.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Virginia Historical Society
A MERGER IN 1946 OF
VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY (1831) AND CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION (1896)

The Lee House
707 EAST FRANKLIN STREET
Richmond 19,

December 17, 1954

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Your letter of December 14th has come to my attention.

I am interested in learning that you are making a study of the Virginia halfpence. I would very much like to have a copy of your completed work for our files here at the Society.

Insofar as the original colonial archives of Virginia are concerned, you will find that most of them that have survived are preserved in the Archives Division of the Virginia State Library, Richmond 19, Virginia. Doctor William J. Van Schreeven is the State Archivist. I am confident, however, that practically all of the existing colonial archives have been printed, and if the volumes are not already in the Library of the Missouri Historical Society, could be obtained by its Librarian on an Interlibrary Loan basis.

1) The Virginia statutes at large during the colonial period are covered by William Waller Hening's Virginia Statutes at Large (Richmond, etc., 1809-1823) published in 13 volumes.

2) Hening's work is thoroughly indexed in Earl Gregg Swem's Virginia Historical Index (Roanoke, Virginia, 1934), 2 volumes, which also indexed four or five other compilations of materials, including our own Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, concerning Virginia history.

3) Volume III of The Legislative Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia (Richmond, 1919) edited by H. R. McIlwaine, covers the period from 1754 to 1773. Unfortunately, the journals for the 1774 and 1775 sessions have never come to light.

4) The Journals of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, 1773-1776 (Richmond, 1905), edited by John P. Kennedy, should be available at the Missouri Historical Society.

5) But the minutes of the Council and General Court of colonial Virginia exist only in isolated segments. The bulk of these records, and unfortunately the 18th century segments, was destroyed during the evacuation of Richmond in April 1865.

6) The only Virginia newspapers published during the period of your study (1774-1775) were those issued in Williamsburg:

(Title)	(Publisher)	(Dates Issued)
The Virginia Gazette	(Purdie & Dixon)	1766-1775
" " "	(Clementina Rind)	1773-1774
" " "	(Dixon & Hunter)	1775-1778
" " "	(John Pinkney)	1774-1776
" " "	(Alexander Purdie)	1775-1779

Fortunately, for you, all of the surviving issues have been indexed in Lester Cappon and Stella Duff's Virginia Gazette Index, 1736-1780 (Williamsburg, 1950), 2 volumes. The original issues of the newspapers are of course scattered about the country in a score of libraries. But the Institute of Early American History and Culture at Williamsburg, Virginia, has a microfilm file of everything covered in the aforementioned index. I suspect that the Missouri Historical Society owns a copy of this film.

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I certainly recommend that you write to Doctor Van Schreeven to ascertain whether or not the Virginia State Archives has material that remains unpublished.

Please convey my warmest good wishes to Mr. Van Ravenswaay.

Sincerely yours,

John Melville Jennings
Director

JMJ/ab

January 10, 1955

Mr. John Jennings
Virginia Historical Society
The Lee House
707 Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Jennings:

I was delighted to receive your letter of December 17, 1954. Fortunately, the St.Louis Public Library had the newspaper files you referred to and I was able to find the published announcement that Virginia halfpence were ready for distribution. I believe this gives me sufficient information to complete my work.

You certainly will receive a copy of the material I am writing on the Virginia coinage as I am making final revisions at this time.

I have been in Haiti for the last couple of weeks and as a result have not seen Charles Van Ravenswaay but will give him your greetings very shortly.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/tb

February 14, 1955

Mr. Phil Strauss
Room 306 Vickers Building
222 East Redwood Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. Strauss:

It was nice talking to you over the 'phone the other day when I was in New York.

As I indicated to you, I have written the history of the Virginia halfpence and am working up all the die varieties. So far I have found 17 obverse dies and 19 reverse dies. Walter Breen and I are in constant correspondence and he had suggested that you might know where a quantity of the Virginia halfpence were. All I am interested in doing is checking for die varieties as the historical background of the coins can now be explained as to why many of them did not circulate.

I will appreciate any suggestions you have on this matter as to where any of the remainder of the Cohen hoard are and approximately what date they were found.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

October 22, 1954

Editor
Institute of Early American History and Culture
Box 1298
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Sir:

I have just finished writing a 17 page article entitled "The Coinage for Colonial Virginia". I have endeavored to give the history of the Virginia halfpence and to explain the complications with respect to its use. A small portion of the article is devoted to the technical varieties of the Virginia halfpence which is more applicable to the numismatic field than to the historical field. My thought was that you might be interested in publishing the historical portion of the article as it would be of substantial interest to Virginians. Some of these coins were dug up in the restoration of Williamsburg. A publication in your magazine would reach an entirely different group from the publication of the material for coin collectors.

I will be glad to submit the script if you are interested. It would be necessary for you to have one plate in connection with the article to illustrate these coins. I could readily arrange to have two plates if that was desirable.

My collecting of coins and writing on the subject is merely a hobby and I determined to submit this matter to you first after discussing the matter with the Missouri Historical Society in St. Louis.

Very truly yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

WILLIAM AND MARY QUARTERLY
SPONSORED BY THE
INSTITUTE OF EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE
BOX 1298 · WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

OFFICE OF THE EDITOR

November 3, 1961

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Gilson Purchase Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

We certainly would be interested in seeing your manuscript on "The Coinage for Colonial Virginia" and if we accept it, would certainly want to allow you the usual, to cover alone both of your letters.

Cordially yours,

Douglass Adair

Douglass Adair
Editor

December 6, 1954

Mr. Douglas Adair
William and Mary Quarterly
Box 1298
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Adair:

With respect to your letter of November 3, 1954, I have been slightly delayed because of difficulties in getting perfect photographs of the coins in question. I expect to have those photographs during the month and wish to submit my text in the meanwhile.

I specifically would appreciate your comments as I want to revise this article for your readers. It is written, mainly, from a numismatic point of view at the present time and I do not believe your readers would be interested in the technical die varieties. Please read it over and give me your comments.

There is one opportunity for further facts on this subject on which I would like your advice. In the official minutes of the Virginia government of the period between December, 1774 and spring of 1775 there may be a reference to the copper halfpence. Have those minutes ever been published? Where are the records if they have not been published? I presume that in the minutes some comment with respect to the distribution of these halfpence might have been made or at least an announcement of their arrival.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

January 10, 1955

Mr. Douglas Adair
William and Mary Quarterly
Box 1208, Williamsburg,
Virginia

Dear Mr. Adair:

Please disregard the last paragraph of my letter of December 6, 1954 with respect to my article on the Virginia coinage. I have been able to locate in the Virginia Gazette the item which I needed and I am now ready to complete the material.

The photographs will be forthcoming as soon as I have heard from you as to your comments on the article.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

January 24, 1955

Mr. Douglas Adair
William and Mary Quarterly
Box 1298
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Adair:

I am enclosing herewith my completed article on the Coinage for Colonial Virginia. I also enclose photographic plate for reproduction illustrating the coins discussed. I would appreciate it if you would promptly review the matter and indicate whether you wish to publish it.

I call your particular attention to the following items which you may desire to modify in some respects;

1. If subheadings are desirable I will be glad to forward them to you.

2. If footnote No. 14 is not customary, you may eliminate it.

3. It may be desirable for you not to publish the May 20,1773 warrant. If so, the reference on page 5 to it being included should be amended.

4. The description of the plate has been done on a separate piece of paper and you may wish that material to be included in the plate and not added as typed.

I sincerely hope this will be of interest to your readers and look forward to hearing from you as to your feelings with respect thereto. If you determine to publish it I feel I should proof-read the galleys to eliminate any possible errors.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

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BOX 1298 · WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

OFFICE OF THE EDITOR

April 11, 1951

Eric G. Nelson
Olin's Brothers Stores, Inc.
[illegible]
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Thank you for letting us read your definitive article on "Virginia Indigo." Jim Ford, after reading it, tells me it has a bit too specialized for our general readers. I am returning it to you under separate cover with their comments that you may submit it to the Virginia Magazine of History for their consideration. I wonder if you have checked the index of the Virginia Gazette to see if there are any more of the distinctive ads. This index is edited by Lester Cappon and Stella Duff and there is, I believe, a copy in St. Louis.

My appreciation for the chance of letting me read your article.

Cordially yours,

Douglas Adair
Douglas Adair
Managing Editor

March 17, 1955

Mr. Norton Stack
123 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Stack:

When I visited you in New York you told me some things about Virginia halfpence which I did not know after making a study of that subject. From your interest in the subject and from your extensive memory, there must have been a basis for the things you said even though you could not give me the source of your information. For the past month, therefore, I have been knocking myself out trying to locate information which you must have found many years ago. I would not be explaining all this to you if I had not finally found the correspondence which took place between the Treasurer of Virginia and the man in London who was endeavoring to get English approval for the coins. This correspondence is in the manuscripts of Colonial Williamsburg and it has been extremely helpful. May I thank your good memory for firing me with the fresh enthusiasm to dig out data which I never would have found otherwise. Once I know something exists I will turn Heaven and Earth to find it and you supplied the confidence I needed to do so. I have now written to England for some further material and when the article is published you will be properly thanked.

You will recall that I was interested in looking over a group of colonial items which were in your drawers and trays and I have classified all of them except the eagle stamped over the New Jersey coin which appears to me to be the design for a button. I have not been able to get a book on military buttons which shows this eagle illustrated but I am going to continue to try.

The New England threepence which we both had doubts about is so different in design from what are accepted as the genuine issue, that I assume it is false. The principal reason is that the obverse and reverse symbols are struck back to back, which is contrary to the normal way of making these. After seeing the items in the Clay catalogue, which were admittedly fakes, I presume this must have been one of those.

The Florida plantation token is a lead cast and has edge reading instead of dots on the edge. This we both noticed at the time but I took its specific gravity, which conclusively proved what it was.

March 17, 1955

Mr. Norton Stack
New York

The Nova Constellatio on the large planchet, even though badly worn, is a curious piece and one which I would enjoy having in my collection.

I would like to get a few more Tory or counterfeit halfpence which you have in this group. You put a price on them of $2.50 each in the past and I imagine I am about the only one who really gets a big kick out of them.

There are a few Connecticuts which I could add to my collection also.

There are two different copies of the Washington half dollar and as long as I already have the originals, it seems to me I should try to get the fakes, so I would be interested in those.

Please let me know what you think of the foregoing and if you would rather have some items in exchange, that too could be worked out.

I was unable to locate anything about the restrikes of the plantation 1/24th real. I looked at the catalogues of Lincoln and Sears, as you suggested, but there were so few in the Society that it was hardly worth while. Do you have any catalogues of Lincoln or Sears during the 1880 to 1910 period which might mention the restrike situation? If you search your memory I believe you willprobably come up with something.

Thank you, again, for straightening me out with respect to the Virginia halfpence and I will assure you that before I do much further writing, I will take the opportunity to discuss it with you in the hope of getting additional information.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

March 22, 1955

Mr. Morton Stack
123 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Stack:

I appreciated your 'phone call in response to my letter of March 17 and hope that you will find an opportunity to look into the catalogues and price lists which you have in your library to see if either Lincoln or Sears has any mention of the restriking of the plantation 1/24th real pieces.

The Numismatist is going to publish the article I have written on the subject but, unfortunately, I have almost no information as to the restrikes, and I do not wish to stick my neck out to call them restrikes if, perchance, they are a hoard which was found.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as you have had an opportunity to check into this.

Sincerely yours,

EPW/atb

March 22, 1955

American Numismatic Society
Broadway, between 155th and 156th Sts.
New York 32, New York

Gentlemen:

I have completed an article entitled "Coinage for Colonial Virginia". It is a complete study of the authorization, history, coinage, distribution and correspondence concerning the Virginia halfpence as well as the first listing of their die varieties, etc. It will be illustrated with photographs of all specimens.

I would like to know how many copies and in what form I should submit the material - whether in legal size or letter size, etc.

Any suggestions you have along those lines will be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

KWH/atb

CABLE ADDRESS
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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
(FOUNDED 1858 · INCORPORATED 1865)
BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH AND 156TH STS.
NEW YORK 32, N.Y.

March 25, 1955

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Your article on the "Coinage for Colonial Virginia" sounds very interesting and informative. It is only necessary that you submit one copy of the article, preferably on letter-size stationery.

I gather from your letter that the manuscript has not been typed as yet, and in that connection may I suggest that any footnotes be placed at the end of the article and double spaced with the rest of the text. This is of great aid in simplifying the task of the editor as well as the printer. It would also be helpful if the citations given in the footnotes were not abbreviated in any way, at least at the first occurrence of each work cited.

I look forward to receiving your manuscript.

Sincerely yours,

Howard L. Adelson

Howard L. Adelson
Assistant Editor

HLA:cg

April 6, 1955

Mr. Howard L. Adelson, Assistant Editor
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th and 156th Sts.
New York 32, New York

Dear Mr. Adelson:

With respect to the article I have written on Coinage for Colonial Virginia, I have just received word from England that they have found some additional letters on the subject in the Colonial Office which I would like to include. It will be a few weeks before those photostats arrive.

I appreciate your suggestions with respect to the type of the manuscript and you will be hearing from me in due course.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

National Archives and Records Service
Washington 25, D. C.

May 4, 1953

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Executive Offices
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Your letter of March 13 requested information regarding the history of the Virginia halfpence dated 1773.

The National Archives has in its custody for the most part certain official records of the Federal Government beginning in 1789. The few scattered pre-Federal records in the National Archives would not be likely to contain material pertaining to the issuance of Colonial currency.

It is suggested that you address requests to Mr. William J. Van Schreeven, State Archivist, Archives Division, State Library, Richmond, Virginia and also to the British Museum, London, England. Since the unpublished portion of Force's American Archives is in the custody of the Division of Manuscripts, Library of Congress, perhaps that agency can be of assistance to you in a further search.

Very truly yours,

W. Neil Franklin, Chief
General Reference Section

By Kathryn Murphy
Kathryn Murphy

By Airmail

Royal Mint Reference [illegible]/1955

[illegible],

[illegible] Hill,

London, [illegible].

11 May 1955

Dear Sir

Sir John Cohen has passed to me your enquiry of the [illegible] April for [illegible] copies of certain correspondence relating to Vinyalite Reference.

I would be pleased to provide these documents for pursuit of an [illegible] [illegible] Railway.

Yours faithfully

[illegible]

Deputy Master and Controller.

[illegible] Esq.,
[illegible],
[illegible],
[illegible],
[illegible],
[illegible].

March 14, 1955

National Archives
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am making a study, for publication, of the history of the Virginia halfpence dated 1773. I am anxious to locate a warrant issued by King George III to the London Mint with respect to this coinage. I have already located a warrant dated May 20, 1773 and another warrant dated November 16, 1774. I am looking for an earlier warrant which must have been issued between December, 1769 and April, 1772.

If Force's American Archives had been published covering the 1769-1772 period it would be in that publication but, unfortunately, the earlier portion has not been published. I have also checked the published records of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, the Legislative Council of Virginia and the statutes of Virginia. Would you have any information concerning such a warrant or could you tell me where I might inquire to obtain such a copy.

I will appreciate your helpfulness.

Very truly yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

May 25, 1955

Deputy Master
Royal Mint
Tower Hill
London E. C. 3, England

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter dated 11 May 1955.

I delayed answering your letter in order to wait for the receipt of photostats of documents from the Public Records Office and therefore will not require as much from you as Sir John Craig indicated you were planning to send me.

I would like a photostat of John Norton's petition of 3 December 1772. I would also like a copy of letter dated 1 May 1772 from John Carter Nicholas to either Hillsborough or Dunmore. I have already obtained copies of the Royal Warrant dated 29 May 1773 and the letter from Hillsborough to Dunmore dated 2 December 1771. I am, therefore, enclosing a check, in blank, for you to fill out to cover your cost.

In Hocking's "Royal Mint Museum Catalogue", it is stated that your collection has one reverse of the Virginia coin as well as a punch of the bust of George III and the intaglio. Is there any way I can obtain an impression of this reverse so as to determine which die it is. I have located specimens of 19 reverse dies and 17 obverse dies of the Virginia halfpence.

With Sir John Craig's help I have concluded that the first Virginia halfpence were struck on Irish half penny blanks which weighed 52 to the pound because the blanks for Virginia at 60 to the pound were not yet prepared.

I may be in England in August and, if so, I will call upon you to thank you personally.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri
U.S.A.

EPN/atb

June 22, 1955

Mr. William L.Clark
American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th and 156th
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Clark:

In your collection you have a number of varieties of Virginia halfpence and I have just sent to your editor a monograph of the subject.

I would appreciate it very much if you will check your halfpence and see whether you have any which will produce better pictures than those I have pictured. You might also find a new die variety combination.

I once hurriedly checked over your Virginia but did not have my photographs with me and thus might have made an error.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

SPW/atb

June 22, 1955

American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets
New York City, New York

Attention: Mr. Adelson

Gentlemen:

In accordance with our correspondence during the spring of this year, I am submitting herewith an article entitled "Coinage for Colonial Virginia". I am submitting it for publication by the A.N.S. and feel that it will be of interest to your readers.

I will certainly welcome suggestions for improvement and correction and if any particular portion of it needs elaboration I can probably do so because I have other documentary evidence which I felt was unnecessary to include.

I have prepared the plates in accordance with instructions I received from Mr. Mosser and have not trimmed the pictures of the coins as he indicated to me that the area beyond the coins can be blocked out on the preparation of the plates.

I believe it would be best for this item to be separately published as it should be separately sought after in Virginia. I believe it should be separately bound since very little has heretofore been known on this subject and no list of varieties has ever been published.

In view of the fact that Crosby has virtually no information on this subject I have included in the appendix the certain formal documents which should be available to numismatists just as he makes similar documents available in his book.

American Numismatic Society
New YorkCity, New York

June 22, 1955

It will be necessary for me to have some complimentary copies of the publication to give to those who helped me and I am sure you will have no objection.

I am going to Europe the beginning of July and will be back the middle of August. If you wish to contact me before then and indicate how you feel about the article I will appreciate it. I will be glad to cooperate with you in proofreading and checking the material.

I have enjoyed developing the material on this article tremendously and have several additional articles partially completed.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NAWNAN

EPN/atb

February 28, 1955

Public Records Office
Chancery Lane
London, England

Gentlemen:

I am doing a piece of research on the copper halfpence coined for Virginia in 1773. I have recently found a letter dated April 6, 1772 which refers to a warrant issued by George III to the Mint with respect to the copper money of Virginia. This is a warrant I have never heard of before. I am familiar with the warrant dated May 20, 1773 and the warrant dated November 14, 1774 on the same subject. However, there must be an earlier warrant which was issued between December 1769 and April 1772 on this subject. Would it be possible for you to locate this warrant and write me an air letter with respect to its date and the cost of the preparation of a photostat of it. I will then remit your costs in connection with the foregoing by return mail.

I will appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri
U.S.A.

EPN/atb

March 14,1955

Public Records Office
Chancery Lane
London, England

Gentlemen:

On February 28, 1955 I wrote you and asked you to see if you could locate a warrant issued by George III to the Mint with respect to the copper money in Virginia, such warrant having been issued between December, 1769 and April, 1772. I have not heard from you as yet and merely wish to give you one further lead which may locate it.

Lord Hillsborough (Wills Hill) was Secretary of State for the colonies during the 1769-1772 period and wrote a letter and sent accompanying documents to Lord Dunmore, Governor of Virginia, with respect to copper money for Virginia. The Earl of Dunmore (John Murray) served as Governor from July, 1771 until June of 1775. I wonder whether there is an out-letter book of the Secretary of State for the colonies for that period in which that letter can be located. The letter must have been written between July, 1771 and April, 1772. That letter might refer to the warrant in question but even if it does not, I would like to obtain a photostatic copy of it along with the photostatic copy of the warrant which I previously requested.

Please be kind enough to let me hear from you promptly as to what you can locate and I will have the cost of an air mail reply, as well as the cost of the photostating, remitted to you promptly.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri
U.S.A.

P.S. In my previous letter please correct the date November 14, 1774 to November 16, 1774.

E.P.N.

EPN/atb

Your Reference.....
P.R.O. Reference 438-/5482

All letters to be addressed to
The Secretary.

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE,
CHANCERY LANE, W.C.2.

Telephone: Holborn 0741, 0742.

16 March 1955

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of February 28 I have to inform you that search has been made without success for a Warrant relating to Copper Coinage for Virginia in the various Treasury Warrant Books preserved here [T.52/59,60 and 61; T.53/51 and 52; T.54/41] and also in the Treasury Out Letters: America, 1763-1778 [T.28/1] and the Treasury Order Books 1767-1772 [T.60/23].

Yours faithfully,

for Secretary.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
400 Washington Avenue,
St. Louis 2,
Missouri,
U.S.A.

MM

Your Reference.....

P.R.O. Reference 5388/ 5794 JCW

All letters to be addressed to
The Secretary.

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE,
CHANCERY LANE, W.C.2.

Telephone: Holborn 0741, 0742.

21 March 1955

Dear Sir,

With reference to paragraph 2 of your letter of March 14, I have to inform you that several letters relative to the proposed introduction of copper coinage in Virginia have been noted in Colonial Office, Original Correspondence, Secretary of State, America and W. Indies, [Virginia], CO.0.5) Volumes 1349 and 1350. These two volumes cover the period 1770 to 1772. The various items are set out below together with the approximate cost of their reproduction as Negative Photostats. None of the items mentions the issue of a Warrant to the Mint. You will by now already have received my reply to the first paragraph of your letter.

C.O. 5/1349

11. 2. 1771	From Lord Hillsborough	pp. 87 to 89	3s. 0d.
8.68. 1771	" " "	p. 177	1s. 3d.
27. 5. 1771	To " "	pp. 197 to 199	3s. 0d.
23. 8. 1771	" " "	p. 343	1s. 3d.
2.12. 1771	From " "	pp. 351 to 354	4s. 3d.

C.O. 5/1350

? 3. 1772	To Lord Hillsborough (postscript to letter only)	p. 43	1s. 3d.
31. 3. 1772	Resolution of the House of Burgesses	p. 85	1s. 3d.

/There

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
400 Washington Avenue,
St. Louis 2,
Missouri,
U.S.A.

There would in addition be a charge of 1s. 3d. for Postage and Packing.

Yours faithfully,

for Secretary.

No. 3[illegible]

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April 5, 1955

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Chancery Lane
W.C.2, London, England

Re: Your reference 4382/5482
5388/5794

Dear Sir:

I received your letters of March 16 and March 21, 1955 in respect to my inquiries concerning the copper coinage for Virginia. I am delighted that you were able to locate the correspondence to and from Lord Hillsborough which you listdd in your March 21 letter. Please be kind enough to photostat all of the items you mentioned in your letter and send them to me. What I would appreciate most is if this could be done very promptly.

I will have the 16 shillings 6 pence in your hands within a few days.

After I study the photostats you are sending me I will be able to give you more information on whether the warrant to the Mint exists. The diffculties seem to arise because the warrant was supposed to have designated 52 Halfpence to weigh one pound whereas British halfpence were then 46 to the pound and Lord Hillsborough finally recommended that the Virginia coinage should have been 60 to the pound.

You have no idea how much I appreciate your cooperation with respect to my inquiries.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri
U.S.A.

EPN/atb

April 8, 1955

Secretary
Public Records Office
W.C. 2, London, England

Your reference: 4382/5482
5388/5794

Dear Sir:

In accordance with my letter of April 5, 1955 I am enclosing herewith a one pound note to cover the cost of the photostats which you are making and the postage to send them to me.

If there is any credit in my favor please use it to furnish tea for those who were kind enough to look up these records for me.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri
U.S.A.

EPN/atb

Your Reference

P.R.O. Reference 7030/9464 /JGW

All letters to be addressed to
The Secretary.

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE,

CHANCERY LANE, W.C.2.

Telephone: Holborn 0741, 0742.

11 May 1955

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letters of April 5 and 8, the latter enclosing a one pound sterling Treasury note. The photostats required have been made and despatched to you under separate cover together with our official receipt for 16s. 6d. Although your kind suggestion for the disposal of the balance is much appreciated, it was thought that you might like to have a few postcards of exhibits in the Museum of this Office, and the 3s. 6d. has been used accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

for Secretary.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
400 Washington Avenue,
St. Louis 2,
Missouri,
U.S.A.

MM

May 20, 1955

Secretary
Public Records Office
Chancery Lane
W.C.2, London, England

Your reference: 4382/5483
5388/5794

Dear Sir:

I was delighted to receive the photostats of the documents you recently sent me pursuant to my order and I wish to thank you, again, for your cooperation in locating those letters.

I now realize that the warrant of George III, which you were kind enough to look for, was not a warrant concerning Virginia coinage but was a warrant concerning Irish copper coinage. Irish halfpence were coined in London in 1766 and 1769 and a copy of the warrant covering the Irish coinage was sent to Virginia in 1771 as an example of the manner in which things of this sort were done. Would it be possible for you to locate the Royal warrant with respect to the Irish coinage and give me the date of its issuance. If there is more than one warrant I would be interested only in the one immediately prior to 1771. My guess would be that since Irish halfpence were not made after 1769 until 1775, that the warrant would be some time during 1769 or the latter part of 1768.

I am writing this matter for publication and you can be assured that I will mention the cooperation which I received from your office in locating this material.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri
U.S.A.

Your Reference.....

P.R.O. Reference 10023/10525 EKT

All letters to be addressed to
The Secretary.

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE,

CHANCERY LANE, W.C.2.

Telephone: Holborn 0741, 0742.

31 May 1955

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of May 20 I have to inform you that search in the Treasury Records: King's Warrants: 1766-1773 [T.52/58-62] has failed to reveal any mention of the Warrant in which you are interested. The only Warrant noted which might be of interest to you was dated 25 December 1772 and was for Copper Coinage for England and Ireland [T.52/61. f.426].

Yours faithfully,

for Secretary.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
400 Washington Avenue,
ST. LOUIS, 2, Mo.,
U.S.A.

CW.

June 28, 1955

Public Records Office
Chancery Lane
W. C. 2
London, England

Re: 10001-10425 SWT

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of May 31, 1955 in which you advised me that the warrant of George III covering Irish halfpence to be coined at the rate of 52 to the pound has not been located in the period from 1766 through 1773.

There is only one other possibility of finding a George III warrant covering Irish halfpence. In 1760 I have found a reference that a coinage of 50 tons of Irish halfpence were ordered and these were not completed until 1762. They contained the heads of George II and were coined during the reign of George III. Could a 1760 warrant have been signed by George III covering this item? Perhaps that is the mysterious warrant I have been seeking for so long. The original Irish warrant covering halfpence at 52 to the pound was dated January 20, 1733 but since I have a letter specifically referring to a warrant of George III there probably is one at some time during his reign.

I would appreciate it if you will check your records for 1760.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Your Reference

P.R.O. Reference 13404/13848 EKT.

All letters to be addressed to
The Secretary.

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE,
CHANCERY LANE, W.C.2.

Telephone: Holborn 0741, 0742.

22 July 1955

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of June 28, if you will refer again to our letter of May 31, you will see that we mentioned a Warrant dated 25 December 1772 for copper coinage for England and Ireland [T.52/61 f.426]. We have looked again at this Warrant and find that it refers to the previous Warrants of 26 January 1732 and 17 August 1738 but to no later Warrant. It therefore seems unlikely that there was any Warrant between 1738 and 1772, and that this Warrant must be the Warrant of George III for which you are looking.

If you will confirm this we will order a Photostat to be made for you.

Yours faithfully,

for Secretary.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
400 Washington Avenue,
ST. LOUIS, Mo.,
U.S.A.

IN.

October 28, 1955

The Secretary
Public Record Office
Chancery Lane
London W. C. 2, England

Reference 13404/13898 EKT.

Dear Sir:

Your last letter to me of July 22, 1955 with respect to the warrants for copper coinage for England and Ireland was very helpful and solved the problem which confronted me. I am very appreciative of your cooperation in that regard.

There is one more fact which I would like to have which, no doubt, is contained in the December 25, 1772 (T.52/61 f.426) warrant. There is some confusion in my mind as to whether the above warrant provides for English copper halfpence to be struck at the rate of 46 to the pound or 48 to weigh one pound.

Would it be possible for you to look at this warrant and advise me what weight is provided for the English halfpence? If it is possible for you to reply by air letter, I will be appreciative.

Thank you, again, for your diligent and faithful service.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri
U.S.A.

EPN/atb

Your Reference

P.R.O. Reference 20569/20801/EKT.

All letters to be addressed to
The Secretary.

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE,

CHANCERY LANE, W.C.2.

Telephone: Holborn 0741, 0742.

2 November 1955.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of October 28. The Warrant of 25 December 1772 (T.52/61, f. 426) does not specify the weight of coinage, but refers back to three other Warrants, the earliest of which is that of 24 July 1729 [T.52/36]. This Warrant has been examined, and it is there stated that "46 halfpence or 92 farthings may make a pound weight".

Yours faithfully,

S. H. [illegible]

for Secretary

the other warrants are
Jan 26, 1732
Aug 17, 1738

Mr. E.P. Newman,
400 Washington Avenue,
ST. LOUIS 2,
MISSOURI,
U.S.A.

RW.

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1st November, 1954.

Mr. Eric P. Newman.
400 Washington Avenue,
St. Louis 2,
MISSOURI. U.S.A.

Dear Eric,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of October 29th.

I am sorry about the ladder chair, and I meant to write to you long since but there has been so very much to do that somehow my apology never got written.

With regard to your present queries, here is the address you require:-

Sir John Craig, K.C.V.O., C.B., LL.D.
65, Melton Court,
Old Brompton Road,
LONDON. S.W.7.

I know him personally and have met him on several occasions socially, and I am sure that he will answer your questions if he can do so. If, however, he is unable to do so, there is a very good man at the Mint called H.J. Stride, who is the General Clerk, but in point of fact he is the man who knows most about the Mint, as, unlike, the Deputy Master, he does not change.

I am very glad to hear that you have finished your work on the Virginia Halfpence, and it will be nice to see it issued in book form.

As regards the Royal Warrant of the 1/24th Real token in pewter issued during the reign of James II, I am writing to the Deputy Keeper at the Record Office and will let you know what he says. It would certaibly be a feather in your cap if we were able to locate the Royal Warrant, which I am sure must have existed.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(L.S. FORRER).
Director.

April 4, 1955

Sir John Craig
65 Melton Court
Old Brompton Road
London S. W. 7, England

Dear Sir John:

I am about to complete, for publication by the American Numismatic Society, a study of the 1773 copper coinage for the colony of Virginia and I need one or two documents which I believe you can readily obtain for me.

I read, with great pleasure, your book, "The Mint" and you mention the fact that the coinage for Virginia was made at the London Mint. I would not ask you to help me if I could get the information otherwise. I have written the Public Records Office but have not received a reply and perhaps they have no personnel to answer inquiries such as mine.

I have assembled all of the material available in America on the coinage for Virginia but need two specific documents which must be available in London. One is a warrant issued by King George III to the Mint and the other is a letter written by the Secretary of State for the colonies. The date of the warrant I cannot give you. I have copies of a warrant dated May 20, 1773 and November 16, 1774 with respect to the Virginia copper coinage but there is an earlier warrant which I know of through a letter dated April 6, 1772 written by the Treasurer of Virginia to John Norton & Sons, in London, which states as follows:

"My Lord Dunmore (the then Governor of Virginia) some days ago lay before the House of Burgesses, the Earl of Hillsborough (Wills Hill, Secretary of State for the colonies) letter on the subject of copper money *** the mistake arose entirely from a misapprehension of Lord Hillsborough's letter and the papers accompanying it. *** (we) understand that the 52 halfpence to the pound listed in the King's warrant to the Mint were of sterling value and not Irish currency as we now find was intended."

It took an average of about two months for communication by letter between England and America at that time. The letter from the Earl of Hillsborough was read to the Virginia House of Burgesses on March 31, 1772 and was, therefore, written some time before October 17, 1771 and February, 1772, in my opinion. Since it was from the Secretary of State's Office, I presume the Out-letter book or file would have a copy of it. It was probably written to the Earl of Dunmore (John Murray) who transferred, in July, 1771 from the Governorship of New York to the Governorship of Virginia. That

April 4, 1955

Sir John Craig
65 Melton Court
Old Brompton Road
London S. W. 7, England

letter probably refers to the warrant which must have been issued prior to the letter.

The warrant to the Mint could have been any date from January, 1770 up to January, 1772 and should be in the Public Records Office, Chancery Lane, London. It is possible that the reference to the Virginia coinage in the warrant might have been included in a warrant concerning copper coinage for Ireland as halfpence were then being made in England for Ireland weighing 52 to the pound. The letter ought to be wherever the records are of the Secretary of State of the colonies.

Would you be kind enough to contact the proper party to locate these for me. If you could just find the warrant alone, that would satisfy me sufficiently if I could get either a photostat of it or the full text of it. I will gladly reimburse you for any expenses and hope you can locate both documents without inconvenience to you. I am enclosing an extra copy of this letter to assist any one who might help you and I will be very grateful for any help you can give me.

Surprisingly enough, I have determined that the Virginia copper coinage is the only fully authorized coinage with legal tender status which was made for any of the 13 American colonies. The coinage in Massachusetts Bay, Maryland, the Rosa Americana, etc, either lacked English authorization or legal tender status.

I will be glad to send you, if you wish, a copy of my work when it is published.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri
U.S.A.

EPN/atb

April 5, 1955

Sir John Craig
65 Melton Court
Old Brompton Road
London S.W.7, England

Dear Sir John:

I have just received two letters from the Public Records Office with respect to the inquiries I asked you to make. It is, therefore, unnecessary for you to do anything about my letter of April 4, 1955.

The Public Records Office was unable to find the warrant. They were able to find the correspondence between Lord Hillsborough and Lord Dunmore and from this I may be able to piece together the information I am seeking. In any event, if you have any suggestions as to whether this warrant with respect to Virginia coinage could have been included in a warrant covering Ireland, I would appreciate knowing your thoughts.

It always seems to be the custom that the day after one writes a letter he receives the information he is seeking so I am pleased not to have to burden you with my request.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri
U.S.A.

EPN/atb

65 Belton Court
London SW7
England
13. 4. 1955

My dear Sir,

In reply to your letters of the 4th and 5th April, concerning the Virginia copper coinage, it is excellent to know that our Public Record Office has substantially met your needs.

It is in my opinion ~~most unlikely~~ certain that no warrant of 1771-2 or thereabouts to coin coppers for Ireland included a warrant to do for Virginia. ~~I am not aware of any Irish warrant of that date, though I have not made special search, but the Irish words certainly have faised out financial difficulties in adapting the same weights.~~ Presumably the last made Irish warrant. In warrant appears to be best the answer was the course of events seems clear enough.

Official theory as formulated by Sir Isaac Newton held that the face value of copper coin should correspond - roughly at least - with cost of metal plus manufacture. The conventional par of exchange between the United Kingdom and Ireland equates 12 English monetary units with 13 Irish. Therefore the only distinctive coins struck for Ireland in the 18th century - copper halfpence and farthings - should be proportionately lighter than English. The weights actually prescribed ~~adopted~~ from the resumption of this coinage by the Royal Mint in 1733 were 52 Irish halfpence or 104 Irish farthings to the pound ~~at~~ avoirdupois. 52 such halfpence were of course worth only 2/- English in any conversion from one reckoning to the other.

To get convenient figures,

When Virginia wanted a copper coinage, Lord Hillsborough gave the President Nelson some particulars about the Irish copper coin. Virginia forthwith asked for a distinctive copper coinage of £2500 at the Irish weight of 52 halfpence to the pound avoirdupois, to be provided at Virginia's cost. Hillsborough saw the falsity of the parallel, for Virginia exchange was more

An Act 10 Geo III cap. 12 was passed accordingly; ~~Irish~~ in 1769-70

depreciated than Irish, 2/- English being then not 52 but 60 halfpence; he suggested therefore this larger number of halfpence in the pound avoirdupois in a letter to Lord Dartmouth of 2 December 1771. He also suggested, since everyone in those days was suspicious of coin below its full intrinsic worth (disregarding costs) that the amount should be restricted in the first instance to £1000. Robt. Nicholas wrote from Virginia on 1 May 1772 accepting both suggestions. Towards the end of the year, John Norton of London, Virginia's agent, made formal petition to the British Board of Treasury accordingly. This petition was referred by that Board to the Master of the Mint on 3 December 1772 with a copy of Hillsborough's letter of 2 Dec.r 1771. The Mint recommended concurrence – ~~[illegible]~~ there had been unofficial ~~discussion~~ even during 1771 with it – on 22 March 1773, and the Royal Warrant of 20 May 1773 ~~[illegible]~~ followed.

You have a copy of this Warrant. In case you have not Norton's petition I have copied it opposite, with a summary of Lord Hillsborough's very long letter of 2 Dec. 1771, which you probably have now.

~~I obtained these~~ These are from contemporary Mint records, to which I was given access by courtesy of the Deputy Master, and if you are quoting them I should be glad if you could acknowledge it by a phrase like 'by courtesy of the Royal Mint, London'.

The total coinage was £1400. Virginia paid for copper, the ~~[illegible]~~ charges of the various Mint ~~[illegible]~~ staff, (not including overhead charges, and so about half the total cost of manufacture) and shipping charges, and kept any profit from issuing the coins at face value.

I shall look forward to reading your book but do not go to the expense of sending me a copy; I shall be able to see it in one of our libraries.

Yours sincerely

John Craig

Copy & Copy in Mint Record Books No 12 pp 201 ff

Petition of John Norton of London, Virginia Merchant, referred by the Board of Treasury to the Master of his Majesty's Mint on 3.12.1772

"That your Petitioner in the year 1771 was empowered and directed (then being an Agent for Virginia) by Robert Carter Nicholas Esq. Treasurer of that Colony by virtue of an Act of Assembly passed in the tenth year of his present Majesty's (sic) reign (an extract of which is hereunto annexed) to make application to Lord Hillsborough to intercede with his Majesty for leave to have a Copper Currency in Virginia, the money to be coined in his Majesty's Mint with his Majesty's Profile stamped on one Side and the Arms of Virginia on the Reverse.

That your Petitioner was to purchase the Copper at the expense of the Colony, deliver it to the Officers of the Mint, ship the same to Virginia when coined and pay the Cost & charges thereon.

That your Petitioner in Consequence of these Instructions waited on Lord Hillsborough but his Lordship as well as your Petitioner being of opinion that the Gentlemen in Virginia had mistaken the Mode his Lordp. first recommended to Lord Botetourt, by which the Kingdom of Ireland was supplied with Copper Coinage, they thinking it to be sterling instead of Irish Currency it made it necessary to write a Letter to Lord Dunmore which was accordingly done and dated 2 December 1771...

Your Petitioner in Consequence thereof received further Instructions from Robert Carter Nicholas in June last, importing that himself and the Gentlemen of the Council had really mistaken Lord Hillsborough's mode relative to the Copper Coinage and that they readily adopted his Lordships' plan for making Sixty Halfpence of the Avoirdupois pound of Copper to pass in payment as Virginia currency being Equal to two English Shillings at the Par of Exchange; that they were desirous of making trial of the Value of One Thousand Pounds sterling which by Estimation will be about Five Tons of Copper to see how it will operate in Virginia.

Your Petitioner on receipt of these additional instructions

attended Lord Hillsborough several times, & was told by his Lordship that he had the Affair much at Heart, & would send for your Petitioner after he had asked Leave of his Majesty and consulted Mr Cadogan[1] on the subject but as his Lordship soon after went out of Office, & nothing was done Your Petitioner is obliged to make application to your Lordship's to give him such direction towards carrying this business into Execution as your Lordship's shall think fit."

(Same followed diversities of capitals and contractions though there are probably peculiarities to the copy.)

Lord Hillsborough's letter to Lord Dunmore dated Whitehall 2 December 1771 of which copy accompanied the above said that Mr. Norton had called on Lord H. that morning to submit directions received from the Virginia Treasury concerning a Copper Coinage to circulate in that Dominion. Lord H. said that Lord Dunmore would see from correspondence between Lord H. and the late Lord Botetourt that these proposals flowed from information which Lord H. had given Mr President Nelson about the supply of copper coin to Ireland. Norton and Lord H. found the Virginian Treasurer's letter ambiguous. If it was the intention to coin 52 halfpence out of 2/- English worth of copper, the coins ~~might~~ should pass at 25% premium over English halfpence, which he thought fundamental. But if the drain was to follow Ireland, account should be taken of the Irish exchange which made an English shilling equal 13 pence Irish. As two English shillings passed in Virginia for 30d. Lord H. recommended Coinage of 60 Virginia halfpence to the pound avoirdupois. "If this plan should be agreeable to the Majesty's subjects in that Colony there is no objection to it, that immediately occurs to my mind and I am of Opinion that it would be of very essential service, especially to the Poor." If so, Lord H would consult other Government Departments concerned but he submitted that it would be prudent to try a coinage of £1000 first. Norton he recommended as a discreet agent.

[1] Cadogan was then one of the Secretaries of State.

April 25, 1955

Sir John Craig
65 Melton Court
Old Brompton Road
London S.W. 7, England

Dear Sir John:

You have no idea how much pleasure I derived from your prompt and informative letter of April 13, 1955. I am most grateful to you and the Deputy Master of the Mint for the time and effort you devoted to answer my questions about Virginia halfpence. I have not yet received from the Public Records Office copies of the correspondence from Lord Hillsborough dated 11 Feb. 1771, 8 June 1771 and 2 Dec. 1771 and to Lord Hillsborough dated 27 May, 1771, 23 August 1771 and ? March, 1772, but you seem to have found at the Mint some additional letters and documents.

I would like to have the Mint send me a copy or a photostat of all correspondence other than the above. I will expect to pay the cost and I will give the Mint proper credit in the footnotes of my article as a matter of course. You mention one letter to the Mint from Robert Nicholas, the Virginia treasurer, dated 2 May 1772 and I am completely unaware of it.

Your analysis of the confusion as to the weight of the coins cannot be questioned. The Virginia Treasurer in a 1769 letter I have found writes to John Norton that "I am pretty much of a stranger to a thing of this sort" so you can see why the mistake as to the Irish coinage basis was made. Yet there is one particular scarce die variety of the 1773 Virginia halfpence which weighs 136-138 grains or about 52 to the pound. This was from the first die made as it is more perfect than all the rest, was not used for production coinage and the coins have a proof surface. It is improperly called a penny to distinguish it from the regular coinage which weigh from 105 to 126 grains (supposedly 60 to the pound). Can you or the Mint explain that situation? I have found 17 obverse dies and 19 reverse die varieties of the coinage and wonder if the Mint records show how many dies of each were made.

Could you also send the date (1733?) and citation of the warrant setting the weight of Irish copper halfpence at 52 to the pound which you feel Treasurer Nicholas referred to?

In spite of all the research on Colonial Virginia, I am ashamed to admit that I believe there would be no person in America who would have been able to answer my inquiry to you. You have clarified the matter and I will thank you again in my article. I hope the few further questions contained herein can be readily answered and I am sending a duplicate of this letter for your convenience.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN
400 Washington Avenue,
St. Louis 2, Missouri, U.S.A.

65 Melton Court SW7
6.5.55

Dear Mr Newman,

The Royal Mint will arrange to send you photostats of the records I was able to trace (which as I warned you are copies, not originals) of the Virginia copper coinage. Unfortunately being a Govt. Dept, they have to have a check or draft in advance. The Deputy Master will write you as to amount.

Your letter is not quite clear but I think that what you want is Norton's petition of 3.12.1772; Hillsborough to Dunmore of 2.12.1771, and Nicholson of 1.5.1772 not to the Mint but sitting to Dunmore & Hillsborough. If this is not right, take it up with the D.M. when he writes. The photostats will necessarily include dates of reference and minor subsidiary matter. I can't say that this is all the Mint have got but I cd. find nothing else. And the R. Warrant of 20.5.1773

On your further questions I think it most unlikely that the explanation of the large halfpenny has survived except by the merest accident. The probability is that it was part of a trial run with existing i.e. Irish blanks or that an Irish blank slipped in by accident. You will know from my Book that the contractual method had some of the features of private contracts and might not be fettered by red tape checks to excess.

The date of the first Royal Warrant on the Irish coinage after Wood was 26 Jan. 1733. I do not know the citation nor the precise dates of the Warrants of later years which I gave you. It is surely possible that it was the current warrant which Norton saw. So far as I can remember, and it would give me a good deal of work to trace them now, they were identical in definition & style.

I trust that this with the Deputy Master's letter will give you all you want.

Yours sincerely

John Craig

June 29, 1955

Sir John Craig
69 Melton Court
London S.W.7, England

Dear Sir John:

I just completed my article on Virginia coinage and have sent it in to the publisher. However, I am leaving for Europe in a few days and will be able to make final corrections to the proof when I return. I sincerely appreciate the help you have given me and have included you as one of those to whom I am indebted.

We will be in England in early August and I plan to telephone you with the hope that I might be able to see the die for Virginia coinage which exists in the Royal Mint Museum.

I have a further question which you may be able to answer offhand. Gruber indicates that the first type of halfpence of George III are the same weight as those of George II, namely, 46 to the pound, but in the letter of Lord Hillsborough to Dunmore dated December 2, 1771 Hillsborough says, in two places, that English halfpence are 48 to the pound. Is it possible that the weight was changed from 46 or were the actual coins sufficiently short weight so that they were unofficially 48 to the pound? The ratio of 48 English to 52 Irish is exactly the same ratio as the exchange and that, perhaps, may have influenced Hillsborough's assertion. Could you give me your thinking on the foregoing as to whether 48 to the pound has any basis of authority?

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
(FOUNDED 1858 · INCORPORATED 1865)
BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH AND 156TH STS.
NEW YORK 32, N.Y.

July 8, 1955

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Let me acknowledge the receipt of your manuscript on the Coinage of Colonial Virginia.

I doubt that we shall have any definite comment to make to you about it for several months. The consideration of manuscripts for publication by the Society is in hands of our publication committee. It is never easy to route things quickly through the committee. It is particularly bad at this season of the year.

Very truly yours,

Sawyer McA. Mosser

Editor

SMM/jk

August 19, 1955

Royal Mint
Tower Hill
London, England

Attention: Messrs. Howell and Stride

Gentlemen:

Now that I have returned to America I wish to thank you, again, for your cooperation and kindness in helping me in my various research pursuits. I enjoyed the friendly way in which you let me see some of the fascinating items in the collection of the Royal Mint and it was very stimulating to make your personal acquaintance.

I will send you a copy of my work on Virginia coinage whenever it is published and, in the meantime, I am enclosing two copies of the reprint of the article which was just published on the American Colonial Pewter 1/24th real which was struck at the Royal Mint.

Please express to Sir Lionel Thompson my thanks for the opportunity of talking to him. We devoted most of our discussion to the effect of increasing lack of intrinsic value in the coins for the future and if there is a further inflationary trend in this country we will find allour own silver coins disappearing from circulation.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

August 21, 1955

Mr. Sawyer Mck. Mosser
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th and 156th
New York 32, New York

Dear Mr. Mosser:

I just read your letter of July 8, 1955 with respect to my manuscript on the coinage of Colonial Virginia, having just returned from a vacation in Europe.

I fully understand the necessary time to consider an article for publication, particularly during the summer period, and will look forward to hearing from you whenever it is convenient.

I did some further research in London, at the Royal Mint, and would like to make some additions to the article before it is in final form.

I am sending to you, for the library, two reprints of the articles I wrote concerning the pewter 1/24th real.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

EPW/atb

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August 26, 1955

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Many thanks for your letter of August 22, 1955 with which you sent two prints of your article in the July 1955 Numismatist. The Library is grateful indeed to have these.

Your manuscript is in the hands of a reader now and I trust it will not be too long until it is back with the report.

I hope your European vacation was an agreeable one. We shall keep in mind the additions you wish to make to the article resulting from your most recent research in London.

Very truly yours,

Sawyer McA. Mosser

Editor

SMM/jk

January 12,1956

Mr. Sawyer McA. Mosser
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets
New York 32, New York

Dear Mr.Mosser:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I am writing to Mr. Yost and his request that I write something for the Centennial publication is appreciated.

It reminded me, however, of the fact that I have an article on Coinage for Colonial Virginia which has been submitted to your publication committee and while I realize it will require time for their consideration I am wondering if any indication has been given as to your wishes. If you wish to publish it I want your staff to be very free on criticism and comment and I have a number of additions and clarifications which I am making. I feel it should be published as a separate monograph - something like your 1920 publication on Connecticut, Vermont and Massachusetts coppers since there is, actually, nothing available on Virginia coinage. Even Crosby had no information on the subject.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. Newman:

I had your letter of January 12th, regarding your manuscript on the Coinage for Colonial Virginia. I do not wonder that you should think it is time that you hear something about it from me. Actually I had hoped to get it into the hands of the Committee long before this. Unfortunately one of the reader's retained the manuscript for almost three months which delayed its getting routed to the Committee until just a short time ago. I hope that progress from now on will be much more speedy.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Mr. Mosser,

I have carefully read Mr. Newman's article on the half-pennys. I heartily concur in the opinions of the experts consulted and recommend early publication of this valuable contribution to knowledge.

I suggest that Mr. Newman consider carefully the suggestion of Mr. Williamson. I think his communication to you and to me should be sent Mr. Newman, together with this letter. It is my idea that Thomas Jefferson may well have been right in saying that the half bit, although one sixteenth of a Spanish American peso, passed as one twentieth of a dollar in colonial and revolutionary Virginia. I cite a parallel from China in the early 20th century where it took about a dozen dimes of small money to make a silver dollar.

I hope that Mr. Newman will revise his article slightly in the light of the comments submitted.

But I concur heartily in the judgment of Mr. Williamson that Mr. Newman's opus deserves early publication with, or even without, slight revision.

Cordially yours,

Thos. O. Mabbott

Comments on Coin for Virginia
Eric P. Newman

(Supplementary comments for Ann Snider's report, pp. . . . Attachment)

Page 1. ". . . continued efforts of colonial Virginia to fulfill a need for small change. . ." One of the question always they had a real need for copper coinage at this time, in view of Thomas Jefferson's statement of May 5, 1784. "In Virginia, there our towns are few, small, and of course their demand for necessaries very limited, so have never yet been able to introduce a copper coin at all. The smallest note which any body will receive there is the half-bit, or 1/20 of a dollar. (1/16 dollar intended.) In those states where the towns are larger and more populous, a more medium action for small exchanges has earlier led a copper coin 1/40 or 1/50 or 1/60 of a dollar. In Delaware where the towns are many and populous, and which has 3) 3) advance have secured the conveniencies of intercourse, they have found that one cent may be sufficient for a farthing, or 1/80 of a dollar, (1/128 dollar intended?) and they are accordingly a coin to this value. This business is entirely experimental. In Virginia we are far behind. In some states there has been a medium advance, in others we are declared of 1/40, 1/45, 1/60 of a dollar. In this most advanced state, I am I accumulated of smallest coin in the federal government of a cent of silver, comes nearer to the cent of account. I have no doubt the time will come when a smaller coin will be called for. But to be sure, let it be done. In all probability be the half of the copper I proposed, that is to say 1/160 or .006 of a dollar, this being very nearly the farthing of England. But in will be time enough to make it when the people shall be ready to receive it." (Ed Boyd, Julian Boyd, ed., Vol. 7, p 100.) Contemporary statements on the circulation of copper coins in Virginia are rare; I believe the above quotation is sufficiently optimum to be used somewhere in an accurate report.

Page 2. It is suggested that B.W. Crosby's [illegible], pp 1-24 be cited as a refreshment for the 17th century colonial precedents for Virginia described in the first paragraph.

Page 4. "With the knowledge that England was about to issue its own coinage of copper after negotiating many years for fifteen years, . ." this statement applies to 1781; a footnote is suggested to state that the British copper coinage of 1768 and 1773 were decidedly small.

Page 6, last paragraph. "In 1786 and until the American revolution the nominal value of the ye de currency of Virginia issued in denominations of pounds and shillings was generally taken only a Virginia shillings to the Spanish dollar whereas English exchange (sterling) was worth about 4 shillings 6 pence to the Spanish dollar." More than a year ago, the author was interested to be searching for these exchange figures; this reviewer is not at all sure that he found them. However, the reviewer, after a great many hours' search is not prepared to disprove the author's figures, altho their correctness is doubted. Many later statements in the paper are based on the above quotation, so very careful consideration is in order.

First, let us consider the 4/6 std. exchange rate. Exchange rates of silver were based on pure silver content, the value being assigned to the copper alloy. The £ sty. was 20 shillings to the £. Any time

[illegible] in 1816 and the U.S. for five years then in 1820. (Crosby's [illegible], 74, 94, 368, 414-419.) This calculation is 1716.71 grains fine silver per $ sterling; different years in 1716.7 grains [illegible], 175.) The weight and nominal denomination were more variable. Gouverneur Morris's [illegible] report in "the Spanish dollar of the 17th century was a legal weight of [illegible] grains of fine silver, worth [illegible] in 1792 the weight was reduced to [illegible] grains." [illegible] The U.S. coin weight is [illegible] and confirmed in the [illegible] of 1717 since on [illegible] (J. Crosby, 177, 179.) Another source [illegible] in the [illegible] in 1716, 1717 and 1718 [illegible] were further reduced in weight in 1732, 1733 and 1734 [illegible] [illegible] 1792, Gouverneur Morris [illegible] 1793 [illegible] 1795 [illegible] (Crosby, 94, 368, 10.) Jefferson [illegible] the U.S. dollar [illegible] Spanish dollar at 365 grains in 1821. The U.S. [illegible] in 1792 made the U. S. dollar at 371.25 grains fine silver / [illegible] / author's figure of 371 [illegible] seems more [illegible] here.

[illegible] with the 1/6 stg. [illegible] rate. Let us [illegible] these considerations which [illegible] author's 1/6 rate [illegible]. On March 1, 1796, South Carolina terminated one of the [illegible] of inflated paper money and returned to sterling at the legal rate of 6sd/$. (Thomas Cooper, [illegible] Statutes of South Carolina, Vol. [illegible] 64-65.) On [illegible] 1, 1804, [illegible] J. C. Calhoun, Director, South Carolina Archives Department, Columbia 1, S. Car., wrote me : ". . . during the Colonial period, South Carolina more or less regularly over-valued the Spanish dollar. [illegible] accounts for the over-valuation in 1795." [illegible] a confirmation [illegible] regarding this over-valuation of the Spanish dollar [illegible] from Charles J. Bullock's [illegible] in the Monetary History of the United States, p. [illegible] "The paper money of most of the colonies was [illegible] to issue a deficiency in coins, and [illegible] holding that is [illegible] a metallic currency by an [illegible] balance of trade or by over-valuation of the Spanish dollar or its equivalent." It is well-known that the Spanish dollar was exchanged for 6sd (well over its [illegible] value) in sterling exchange in Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Delaware during this period and long after: see, for example, Frank W. Stewart's History of the First United States Mint, pp 73, 74. This figure of 6s 6d or 66d was used by the U. S. National Government as a basis for sterling exchange for many years. For example, the U. S. law of July 31, 1798 (Sect. 10), valued the Spanish dollar at 66d/$ for payment of U. S. duties. This 66d/$ exchange value was confirmed by U. S. laws of Aug. 4, 1790, Jan. 9, 1795, March 9, 1797, April 10, 1806, etc. For a history of these exchange rates, see International Monetary Conferences of 1878, pages 187-211; particularly John Jay's 1851 report on [illegible] [illegible] included therein, pp 403-439.

This reviewer has seen only the 1/85 edition of J. Ginn's [illegible] Arithmetic, author's ref. 41. Therein, scales are provided to give the user of the book the choice of dollar valuations in 1/8d increments from 4s 6d to 4s 8d; that is, 54d to 56d, with the natural value about 55d. Author's choice of 56d is not favored in this edition, by weight.

While this reviewer would gladly accept contemporary references proving 66d/$ to have been used in Virginia at this time, he feels that with references available to him, 72d/$ is a more probable figure (still 4½% above metal value of a new dollar.) Contemporary references might be Virginia newspapers, TJ's Account Book, George Washington's account book or the like. Reviewer believes mention should be made that the Virginia paper money of the period does not state any exchange value with the Spanish dollar, as Continental paper money did a few years later.

In fairness, reviewer believes contemporary references should be given to prove the exchange value of Virginia paper money was 6 shillings or 72d/$. It is reviewer's further belief that, since Spanish dollars were over-valued in sterling, they probably were over-valued even more in the unsecured paper money of the time; that therefore comparison of exchange figures of both sterling and Virginia paper into $ are of dubious value in determining exchange value between Va. paper and stg.; and that contemporary sources should be searched for exchange value of Va. paper when used in buying bills of exchange on England.

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Page 6. "Since the value of English sterling currency therefore was almost 25% more than the value of Virginia currency, it would have been natural for any English halfpenny to pass for about 2/3 pence in Virginia money of account or currency." Reviewer would urge the use of the term "paper money" or "paper currency" where paper is intended. "Currency" should mean "paper money" to most readers, but there is room for confusion; note author's previous publication edition "The 1776 Continental Currency Coinage"; this "currency" was not paper.

[illegible] metal, continental [illegible]

Reviewer is at a loss to determine origin of "25%" and "2/3 pence," altho both figures seem correct on basis of other evidence than data in preceding sentence. Using sterling value as 100%, data in preceding sentence would yield 85% and 2/3 pence, provided we substitute reviewer's 86d for author's 66d; using author's figures, 85.6% and 0.5426. Therefore, I question "£s Va. = £ Sp." in preceding sentence. In J Papers VI, 165, Robert Morris' report of Jan. 15, 1782 to Congress states: "These [Sp. $] . . pass in Virginia and the four Eastern States at six shillings. ." This corresponds to an inflation of 35% over sterling; reviewer was under the impression that the nominal inflation in ~~the four eastern states~~ and Virginia was 25% before the war.

Page 6 (Cont'd.) "The coinage committee of the Virginia House of Burgesses realized that English halfpence should circulate for about 1¼ to the Virginia shilling . ." Reviewer would like very much to know if Jefferson was a member of this committee or any other committee of the House of Burgesses related to the subject of this paper; reason: to learn where he got his training for coinage work, resulting in his 1784 recommendations to Congress and his Mint leadership as Secty of State in 1792. If 33% inflation is to be used, we should need only 16 stg. 1/2 d per Va. shilling. However, I believe we should stick to 25%.

Page 6 (Cont'd.) ". . inequality caused by the exchange differential." Reviewer suggests: ". . instability caused by the fluctuation of the

exchange ratio between Virginia paper money and 'hard money.'"

Page 9 (cont'd.). "...the exchange was controlled by economic conditions and not legislation." Reviewer believes it was very [illegible], since [illegible] paper money did not [illegible], and coins passed by tale without much relation to their weight or fineness, except when sent to a foreign country or [illegible] a sterling balance. See [illegible] Provincial Money pp. 75, 76

Page 9. "Since the cost of manufacture and transportation was almost equal to the metal value of a copper coin. . ." Reviewer believes [illegible] issue coins [illegible] were [illegible] to the same formula. See Craig's The Mint p. 1, 428.

Page 10. "...because it required 1-1/3 [illegible] Virginia currency to equal the value of a sterling coin. [illegible] since 1730. [illegible] at [illegible] to the pound since 1737. . ." [illegible] Irish halfpence [illegible] since 1730; see Craig's The Mint [illegible]. There is [illegible] on the statement "26 to the pound" for English halfpence, and the figure probably should be "28" [illegible] Craig's statement [illegible] to the pound 1717-1775; see pages 217-8. ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] confirmation to the "28" figure is given in the report of the Grand Committee to Congress [illegible], 1786 ([illegible], [illegible]): "English halfpence [illegible] the pound." It is interesting to note that the [illegible] 1773 letter from [illegible] to [illegible] does not come right out and say they have been [illegible] 48 halfpence to the pound [illegible] of 46 English halfpence [illegible] for two English shillings, [illegible] halfpence [illegible] also [illegible] for two English shillings; and that Irish halfpence [illegible] at [illegible] to the pound [illegible] / that of English halfpence were minted to the pound [illegible]. [illegible] of halfpence to the lb. avdp. [illegible].

[illegible]

Page 12. "...two English shillings [illegible] 30 pence Virginia currency. . ." This means on paper well settled that the recognized inflation in Virginia was (30 - 24)/ 24 or 25%; see reviewer's second comment for author's page 9.

Page 12. "...since the trial cost £1000, which. . .will amount to five tons of copper." This amounts to 21.6 stg./lb. avdp. cu. [illegible] for discussion of cost and "profit", author's page 15.

Page 13. "...no more than £ 1000 the value exclusive of costs." Reviewer understands that as the word "costs" is here used, it always meant 'shipping expenses' during this period.

Page 15. ". . .a 2-1/2% error in coin weight was the limit of permitted variation." It is interesting to note that, beginning in [illegible], the Royal Mint permitted a variation of not over 2-1/2% in 1 lb. avdp. See Craig, The Mint, p290✓ meaning not entirely clear. See comments on p30 below.

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Page 15. The arrangement for the copper to be furnished by [illegible] Norton may be [illegible] plan to purchase [illegible] as possible to keep the circulating value of the coin [illegible] the aggregate of cost of material, minting, bookkeeping and transportation might

give rise to a profit which would accrue to the colonial government. This profit (at about 20%) was to arise chiefly from the elimination of charges for overhead at the Royal Mint." The 20% profit to the Colony of Virginia by elimination of Mint overhead charges is not clear to this reviewer. The Colony received 672,000 halfpence Va. currency for £ 1000 stg. The halfpence converted at [illegible] Va = 672,000/480 8 = £ Va 1400. In stg this would be: 1400/1.25 = £ 1120 stg. Virginia colonial profit = £ 1120 - £ 1000 = £ 120 st. % profit = 120/1000 = 12% (not 20%), neglecting shipping and distribution costs.

It is not clear that any Mint overhead charges were eliminated; in fact the converse seems to have been the case. Further, there seems to have been no "crown profit." The following table is self-explanatory. It is based on Craig, The Mint, p. [illegible].

1770-1775 COPPER COINAGE COSTS

		For English Halfpence [illegible]	For Virginia Halfpence [illegible]
English copper fillets		12.750	12.750*
Moneyers	[illegible].750		
Engraver	0.250		
Smith	0.[illegible]		
Melter	0.850	[illegible]	
Deputy Master	0.110		
Assay Master Deputy Warden [illegible] Delivery at the Tower, packing, etc.	0.125		
		[illegible]	[illegible]
Chief clerk		0.107	0.107
Allowance to purchaser		[illegible]	-
Crown profit		[illegible]	***[illegible]
		[illegible]	****[illegible]

* Assumed same as for English coin; does not include [illegible] and [illegible]. *What was name of "contractor" who furnished copper?*

** Corrected [illegible], error in Craig.

*** Residue.

****Calculated: [illegible] for £ 1000 stg.

In addition to the above computation, other [illegible] can be [illegible]. The May 15, 1773 report of the Grand Committee ([illegible], VI. [illegible]) indicates [illegible] not including cost of [illegible]; all [illegible] they could not [illegible]. [illegible] 6 [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible], in 1784, the Virginia [illegible] quoted at [illegible] of Spanish dollars [illegible] the equivalent of 4s.6d sterling. (American State Papers - Finance, Vol. 1, p 27?.) [illegible] was [illegible].

Page 22. A more accurate [illegible]: So of [illegible] at the end of the first paragraph: "In the meantime, the Royal Governor dissolved the House of Burgesses on May 26, 1774, and [illegible] members reconvened for a six-day meeting on August 1, 1774 as the extra-legal 'Convention.'"

Page 23. "In 1773 . . . halfpence were circulating in New England at 1/2 penny New England currency and in the several colonies at 6/4 pence in local currencies. New England currency had roughly the same exchange value as Virginia currency." These exchange values for halfpence are not too clearly derived. Reference to TJ Papers VII [illegible] that in 1784 the money [illegible] of Virginia and the four Eastern States was 1/72 of a dollar, and that the "copper" (halfpenny) was 1/144 of a dollar. [illegible] the halfpenny would be 1/2 of a penny lawful, or local money of account in this area, in 1784; the reviewer [illegible] in 1773. The only documentary evidence at hand is the 1766 edition of Wright's Bookkeeper page lxiii: ". . . the Rate of Exchange with the several Provinces are at present, or lately were; Boston in New England 133-1/3
Virginia - - - - - - - - 125
By 1784, Robert Morris placed the inflation percentage in both areas at 33%, or 133⅓ "Par of Exchange." (TJ Papers, VII p 166.) This reviewer would guess that the nominal par of exchange in Virginia was 125 for many years prior to the Revolution, and that it changed to 133⅓ at some time during the Revolution; also that the actual par of exchange deviated in the form of a premium for Spanish dollars or other hard money. Such a premium is often seen today with US currency in Canada. My speculations could be proven by trade school textbooks (contemporary), or par of exchange quotations in contemporary ~~[illegible]~~ newspapers; these I have not been able to examine. It would be interesting to know when Virginia jumped to 133⅓ par of exchange with sterling.

Page 24. "It is therefore logical to assume that those who received Virginia halfpence for the value of one-half pence in Virginia currency would not wish to spend them for that amount when coin of equivalent size and weight in neighboring colonies could be spent for a far greater value." Author's reasoning seems obscure to reviewer, altho it would be logical to send Virginia halfpence to pass in Boston if the par of exchange were the same at both places, which I believe it was not in 1773. Reviewer believes a more likely reason that these coins would not pass at a halfpence but rather were hoarded is that by the time they were received, war-time inflation of the Virginia paper currency was so far advanced that by Weston's formula or any other contemporary philosophy they were worth nearer a xxxx cent than a halfpenny. It would certainly be interesting to know any details concerning the discussions of the Committee of the Whole when TJ's November 7, 1776 bill was rejected by the Virginia House, wherein it was proposed that these coins pass at a penny Virginia money. By the way, many of these Virginia halfpence circulated at some time, if not in 1773, as evidenced by the numerous well-worn specimens of this coin (and other copper coins, TJ notwithstanding) discovered during the restoration of Williamsburg and now displayed in the Archaeological

housed in the Courthouse of 1770 there. The following is quoted from an August 18, 1958 letter to this reviewer from John W. [illegible], Jr., Supervisor of Architectural Research, Colonial Williamsburg:

"The following list of coins gives a rough picture of the quantity and type of coins excavated in Williamsburg. Only coins prior to 1800 are included here. They were found scattered over the entire excavated area [rather than in groups]."

"Quan.	Origin	Value	Date
1	Scottish	sixpence	1680
2	English	pennies [?]	1722
3	English	pennies [?]	1740
35	"Virginia"	half-pennies	1773
5	Spanish	coins	1718-1777 (4 silver 1 copper)
1	"Mexican"	real	1717
1	U. S.	half cent	1795
1	U. S.	cent	1798

"Over 1/2 doz. unidentified copper coins, probably 18th century.

"We are, and have for some time been, working on a study of 18th century currency but the subject is large and difficult, and it will be some time before we have enough information gathered together to reach any conclusions. . . ."

This reviewer also queried Colonial Williamsburg on the incredible but apparently authentic brass coin-operated tobacco dispensing machine displayed in the Hall at the left of the front door of the Raleigh Tavern at Williamsburg. The reply of July 28 was from John M. Graham, 2nd, Curator of Collections:

". . . This machine, as near as we can find out, is the last quarter of the eighteenth century. It may even be somewhat later. I have not been able to pin down the exact date for this brass tobacco box. This machine will operate with an English pence."

Graham undoubtedly means "halfpence" instead of "pence" as evidenced by a similar substitution in the first-quoted letter above. Colonial Williamsburg gave permission to publish if author would use any of the above.

Page 45. "This proposal indicates that the only effective means to induce those who held Virginia coppers to spend them was to increase substantially their legal tender value." Author undoubtedly meant: ". . . increase substantially the legal value of each coin."

Page 50. "In 1789 there was a copper panic and the value of all copper coin circulating in the United States collapsed to its intrinsic value as metal. . . . Some of them [Virginia halfpence] eventually found their way to the melting pot." Reviewer would greatly appreciate references (other than present-day assertions) for both these statements. For the 1789 copper panic, reviewer can only offer The Numismatist, Vol. [illegible], [illegible], June 19[illegible]. "When Coppers were Light and Bad", [illegible], regarding conditions in New York and Philadelphia.

[illegible] officials? [illegible] in 1795 [illegible] for their value as metal, and [illegible] a problem. However, [illegible] ever cited a [illegible] where it happened, [illegible] melting down [illegible] officials.

Page [illegible]. ". . . [illegible] same way." This reviewer is [illegible], [illegible] this [illegible], too. [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]. Page [illegible]: "[illegible] . . ." The reviewer's comments [illegible] for [illegible].

Page [illegible]. "The standard legal weight for the copper of [illegible] . . ." [illegible] "The legal weight for the [illegible] would have been [illegible] . . ."

Page [illegible]. Reviewer [illegible] of a similar [illegible] "The bust of George [illegible] [illegible] Virginia [illegible] (wine design in relief) was used [illegible] In [illegible], [illegible], although [illegible] of [illegible] the production [illegible], the [illegible] [illegible]."

[illegible] of the die, [illegible] would be most welcome. [illegible], [illegible] could have been [illegible], Chief Engraver [illegible]-1778, [illegible], Second Engraver 1755-1775, or [illegible], Chief Engraver of [illegible] 1755-1775. [illegible] d [illegible] work?

Page [illegible]. ". . . [illegible] being between 110 grains and 120 grains." It is [illegible] that the legal weight [illegible] to the lb. [illegible] 7 grains, and [illegible] 1 [illegible] of [illegible] or blanks were [illegible], they were required to weigh 1 lb. [illegible] plus or minus [illegible] grains.

Page [illegible]. The first two sentences of [illegible] of the [illegible] top of page [illegible], and [illegible] should be [illegible] or altered.

Page [illegible]. Reviewer [illegible] for [illegible] on coins to [illegible] variety (as in Doughty's Cont book) without the use of other diagnostic [illegible] (as in Dr. [illegible]'s Cont book); also [illegible] must be used, [illegible] inches have been [illegible] in

[illegible] subdivisions of [illegible], not of [illegible] in [illegible] headings, [illegible] consider [illegible] "fact" [illegible] much of an application as to using the English forms of [illegible] in a sequence. The sequence of omission and rarity often yield valuable information. It should be displayed where known.

Page 50, bottom line. Reviewer urges consideration be given to the term "die states" in lieu of "subvarieties" on the basis of being more truly descriptive.

Page 51. "Three unknown periods." Reviewer would [illegible] footnote: "[illegible] of [illegible] cannot [illegible] of periods."

Page 56, N-1. "Tail of 2 slopes down to right. . ." Reviewer questions correctness of "right."

Page 56, N-1/10. "Left side of [illegible] to right of 1." Reviewer suggests: ". . . space to right of first 1." This suggestion applies to several varieties, including N-20, page 66.

Page 58. Reviewer questions desirability of multiple references under a single reference number. The double listing of the [illegible] reference No. 4 is confusing. On Vol. 2, [illegible] was attributed by name to [illegible]. Reference 7: Date of publication of Statutes at Large of Virginia would be helpful.

Appendix B, Page 1. Reviewer urges correction of probable typographical error: use "n[illegible]" for "[illegible]" near center of page.

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Dear Mr. Newman,

At long last I have some news for you about the Colonial Coinage of Virginia manuscript. Our publication committee has accepted the recommendation of two readers that the Society publish your manuscript as a number of our Numismatic Notes and Monographs.

One of the readers, Mr. Raymond H. Williamson, did an extraordinarily thorough job and included with his report 9 pages of comments and suggestions. I am sending these sheets on to you along with the manuscript itself so that you may make any revisions you feel are warranted. I have retained the copy for the plates. If you need them for any purposes of revision, we of course will be glad to send them on.

When you have returned the manuscript in final form we can move forward at once with its production.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. Rosser:

I acknowledge your letter of March 23, 1956 indicating your desire to publish, as a monograph, my "Coinage for Colonial Virginia".

I am delighted with all the comments and controversial positions taken by Mr. Williamson and am restudying these points accordingly.

The reason why the subject is so interesting is because the answers are not readily found.

With respect to the plates, I would like to have them returned to me as I have an additional photograph to add. I would also like your thoughts as to whether the photographs of the coins, for die variety purposes, should be increased in size or left the normal size. I will appreciate your comments.

I will endeavor to put the article in final form with reasonable promptness.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. Newman:

Your April 2 letter gives me pleasure because it reveals that you correctly consider my comments on your Virginia Halfpenny article more constructive than critical.

Two ideas occur that might be helpful in securing some answers. Why not write Seaby's Bulletin a question-box letter on the question of 46 or 48 to the pound advp. for English halfpence? They seem to have a good library and research staff of their own and have a large English readership if they don't know the answer. (If the late Gilbert Askew were alive, he probably could answer without reference to a library!)

With respect to the exchange rates in Virginia during the period 1770-1775, have you had access to Thomas Jefferson's accound books? Julian Boyd refers to them from time to time in his "Papers of TJ." They must convert to hard money from time to time as did George Washington's account books which have been published for the period he was the General of the Continental Armies.

Your hypothesis that 48 halfpence per pound advp. is used in correspondence and calculations because it makes easier money arithmetic should be accepted only if no better one appears. I see no better reason, and the actual coins weighing 46 to the pound lends some weight to the idea. My imagination will not cover the idea that people considered them as so much "copper bullion", and that someone publicized a bulk weighing which showed that average worn specimens weighed 48 to the lb., or a reduction of some 4.4%. Your supposition is better. However, I'll bet there is something in the limey literature on the point that one of them would dig up for you.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,
Ray Williamson
R. H. Williamson

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April 7, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman,

As you requested I am returning herewith the plates for your monograph. I am happy to know that you are pleased with the comments made by Mr. Williamson. I find that there is a statement on his reader's report, which no doubt is covered in more detail in the comment already sent on to you. However, here it is: "I recommend author identify paper money by name instead of calling it merely "currency" or "money of account." Author's terminology, while strictly correct, may lead to some confusion; it confused this reader several times."

In regard to the question of the size of the coin reproductions, it is my opinion that they had better be left in the normal size. The average collector and student is accustomed to consulting illustrations of coins in actual size. Providing the photographs are good and the reproduction of them is faithful, the use of a magnifying glass will meet the needs of those who approach the illustrations for purposes of die variety study.

Sincerely yours,

Sawyer McA. Mosser

Sawyer McA. Mosser
Secretary

SMM:rb
encl.

EDISON BROTHERS STORES, Inc

April 30, 1956

Mr. Raymond H. Williamson
103 Iroquois Lane
Liverpool, New York

Dear Mr. Williamson:

I sincerely appreciated your letter of April 25, 1956 with respect to Franklin and his thoughts on copper coinage. I was familiar with most of these items but there were certain ones involving Bridgen alone which I had not sought out. I was trying to emphasize only those items in which Franklin was a participant. In any event, I have original photostats of the Bridgen-Franklin correspondence and will publish those in detail. I am sending you a copy of what I have written for your file.

I have never done any research on the Franklin press token and, therefore, cannot help you off-hand.

I have completely revised and rewritten my article on Virginia coinage and, again, I wish to express my sincere thanks for your helpfulness. We must meet soon, as I see we have a great deal in common interest.

Sorry your work interferes with your hobby. I am trying to see that that doesn't happen to me.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

May 7, 1956

Mr. Sawyer Mck Tosser
American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th and 156th Street
New York 32, New York

Dear Mr. Tosser:

I have revised my article on Coinage for Colonial Virginia in accordance with thoughts and facts which were assembled during the period of its submission and in accordance with the suggestions of Mr. Williamson. I do wish to say that Mr. Williamson's detailed study of the article and queries were most welcome and I thanked him for so doing. As I indicated to him, I have never had anything which I had written gone over so thoughtfully. I am, therefore, enclosing a copy of the article with the plates.

I hope I have fulfilled your requirements and if printing instructions such as indenting, type size, etc. are desired please make appropriate notations. I will prepare a table of contents, and index, after page proofs are ready. Will you set up the title page as you feel is proper. Any other suggestions you have I will be glad to consider.

It occurs to me that extra sets of the printed plates for separate mounting would be advantageous and the printer could run some of the plates off for that purpose in addition to those used in the printed publication.

I will have to have a number of complete copies of the publication to give to those who helped me and relatives, etc. and this will not in any way interfere with sales to prospective customers.

It was indeed a pleasure to do this work and I am continuing on other subjects which I believe will be of interest in the American numismatic field.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

ENN/atb

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May 11, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Let me acknowledge the receipt of your manuscript on "Colonial Virginia Coinage" and your covering letter of May 7th. It reaches me just as I am about to depart on a several weeks vacation. We will get things moving on its production sometime next month.

Were the photographs used by you on the copy for the plates taken here? If so do you happen to know the negative numbers. It seems to me that a number of the prints might be improved.

I note your desire to have a number of copies for distribution. Naturally you will receive them. It is our regular practice to turn over to each author twenty-five copies at no cost.

Sincerely yours,

Sawyer McA. Mosser

Sawyer McA. Mosser
Secretary

SMM:RMg

May 16, 1956

Mr. Sawyer McA. Mosser, Secretary
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th and 156th Sts.
New York 32, New York

Dear Mr. Mosser:

If there are any photographs in my article on Coinage For Colonial Virginia which you think should be retaken, advise me which letters or numbers they are. If I do not have the coins in my own collection I will get them from Fred Boyd. Perhaps I can use the negatives I have to make better prints. All of the photographs were taken in my basement by me so you see I retain my amateur standing.

Please indicate whether you want the photographs darker or lighter or clearer, etc.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ETM/mtb

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May 18, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman,

In Mr. Mosser's absence on vacation from the Museum, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 16th. Upon his return to his desk around June 5th, I will immediately call his attention to your letter.

Very truly yours,

Raymond E. Main

Raymond E. Main
Assistant Secretary

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June 5, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Is it possible for you to send us your negatives of the photos used in the copy for your Colonial Virginia plates. I believe that through printing we can achieve a more balanced result that is now existent. There is a variance in contrast and tone in the present prints which it would be best to eliminate. It will be a much more simple and time saving operation for us to do the printing here.

Sincerely yours,

Sawyer McA. Mosser

Sawyer McA. Mosser
Secretary

SMM:RMg

June 8, 1956

Mr. Sawyer Nek. Messer, Secretary
The Newport Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th and 156th St.
New York 32, New York

Dear Mr. Messer:

In accordance with your letter of June 5, 1956, I am enclosing herewith the negatives of the photos used for my Colonial Virginia plates. Each variety is indicated on the negative itself so there can be no confusion. There is only one missing negative, being obverse No. 9, which I cannot locate at the the moment but perhaps that one is satisfactory. In any event would you be kind enough to return these negatives when they have served your purpose.

I am leaving on my vacation on July 3rd so that if there are any questions concerning the pictures, please let me know.

I hope you had a pleasant vacation and look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

June 11, 1956

Mr. Sawyer Hal. Hooper, Secretary
American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th and 156th Street
New York 32, New York

Dear Mr. Hooper:

I have located the negative of my obverse No. 9 for Colonial Coinage of Virginia and enclose the same herewith. Will you put it with the other negatives of the obverses.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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June 13, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your Colonial Virginia negatives, the bulk of which arrived yesterday, followed by no. 9 today. Our photographer is beginning today to see whether we can get the results we like to achieve. The negatives for the two enlargements on the first plate do not seem to be present. The obverse of the upper piece is a little dark in comparison to the other three prints. If any problems or questions arise before your vacation begins we will let you know.

Sincerely,

Sawyer McA. Mosser

Sawyer McA. Mosser
Secretary

SMM:RMg

June 28, 1956

Mr. Sawyer McA. Mosser
American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th and 156th
New York 32, New York

Dear Mr. Mosser:

Colonial Williamsburg just sent me complete information as to the coins which they have found in the past and I find that the previous information they supplied is incomplete and not too accurate. As a result I have rewritten page 39 completely and would appreciate it if you would substitute the new page 39 which is enclosed.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. SHEAR

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September 19, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Herewith, we are sending you a set of the galley proofs for your Colonial Virginia Monograph. I assume that you have a copy of the manuscript against which to check it. Therefore, we are retaining the manuscript sent to the printer for own use in reading proof. If in the course of our own reading any questions arise, we shall take them up with you. It will be appreciated if you will check the proof and return it at your earliest convenience. We are aiming for appearance before the end of the calendar year.

We are sending you also a set of blue prints for the plates which show you their lay-out. The order to print them has already been given so that they may be completed in time to ship to the printer at the end of this month. It is not necessary for you to return these proofs of the plates. They are extras.

Sincerely yours,

Sawyer McA. Mosser

Sawyer McA. Mosser
Secretary

SMM:RMg
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September 21, 1956

Mr. Sawyer McA. Mosser, Secretary
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th and 156th Sts.
New York 32, New York

Dear Mr. Mosser:

I spent the entire weekend working on the page proofs which you forwarded to me.

To hasten the completion of this matter I have written out all of the corrections and changes which I found and am enclosing the same herewith.

I have not proof read the article against the text, preferring to read it from an intelligence point of view. I am counting on you for comparison proof reading.

I hope I am not too late in sending you the changes for the plates. I am enclosing a coin to improve one of the pieces if you still have time. Please return it in due course.

Please let me know what additional corrections you feel are necessary and I believe it would be wise to have a new set of page proofs run off after the corrections are made. There certainly should be adequate time in view of the fact that they can be air mailed. I am preparing an index, which will be forthcoming shortly.

I look forward to hearing from you promptly as to the foregoing matters and would also like to know what changes you recommend.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

RW/tb

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September 29, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

In Mr. Mosser's absence your letter of September 24th, with the enclosed proof corrections has been forwarded to me for action. Thank you very much for the promptness with which you reviewed these galley proofs and returned your corrections.

We have compared the proofs against the manuscript and added all of your corrections. Certain difficulties have arisen with respect to the changes on the plates. Unfortunately, it is now too late to make any corrections on the plates. I shall therefore return your coin to you under separate cover.

If there is anything further in which I can be of assistance , please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Howard L. Adelson

HLA:RMg

Howard L. Adelson
Associate Editor

October 2, 1950

Mr. Gerard Adelson
American Numismatic Society
Broadway Between 155th and 156th St.
New York 32, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adelson:

Your letter of September 29, 1950, and the Virginia coin are at hand.

Will you be good enough to obtain for me at least one dozen more proofs of the plates.

In view of the fact that you have added my corrections to yours, I am enclosing an image in the back form I can prepare it without being positive of the final pagination. Please do the necessary to add it to the composition.

If there is time I would appreciate it if you could send me your corrected proof so that I might confirm my agreement proofs so that unless there will be one more proofs only to me. You did not increase whether there would be time for one more proofs but I feel it will be quite helpful if we can obtain them. There ought to be time since I am in the checking the proofs as rapidly as possible.

Please let me hear from you promptly on the foregoing and thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman

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October 6, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman,

Your letter of October 2nd and the enclosed index are at hand. I am afraid that the work on the index is somewhat premature because the only proofs that have been corrected as yet have been galley proofs. There will of necessity be another set of proofs, the page proofs, and the index will have to be prepared from them. You will receive a set of the page proofs from which to prepare your index, and you can check the corrections on the galleys from there. We do not have any spare set of the galleys from which I can transcribe the corrections for you. The only set of galleys that I know of, aside from the one which you retained, is the set which we corrected and sent to the printer.

Since the subject headings of the index will probably remain the same, I am returning the copy which you submitted. This unfortunate confusion with regard to the galley proofs was probably caused by the short format and the numbered pages which are used for that work in Europe.

I have written to the people who prepared plates and requested some uncut sheets of the plates. If they do not have any of them left, I shall ask our printer in Europe to draw out some uncut sheets from the stock which was sent to him. As soon as we can secure these uncut sheets of the plates they will be forwarded to you.

Sincerely yours,

Howard L. Adelson

Howard L. Adelson
Associate Editor

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October 10, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman,

Under separate cover I have sent you 12 pages of the plates of your book. They have all been cut but they were not trimmed to size.

If there is anything further that we can do for you, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Howard L. Adelson

Howard L. Adelson
Associate Editor

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October 17, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman,

Enclosed please find a copy of the page proofs of your book on "Coinage for Colonial Virginia". We shall check the proof to make certain that the corrections have been made. It would also be wise for you to check the proof for the last time. The index can be prepared from the set of proofs because the pagination now conforms with what will be the final published version.

At first glance this proof seems to be quite good, and I trust that you will find it so. As soon as we receive the new index we can send the work back for final publication.

Sincerely yours,

Howard L. Adelson

Howard L. Adelson
Associate Editor

HLA:rb
encl.

October 25, 1950

Mr. Howard L. Adelson
American Mathematic Society
Broadway between 116th and 120th Sts.
New York 32, New York

Dear Mr. Adelson:

I feel it is essential to make some additions to my article which are minor in size but very essential in content. I have been seeking this information for a substantial period and just obtained the facts. I hope it will not require remastering more than the pages in the section involved but, if so, it is worth while, in my opinion. I am enclosing final corrections and additions.

Would it be possible to obtain one page proofs on pages 3, 4, 5 and 67 I believe it is necessary.

I did not hear from you previously if you had any changes which you made and on this revision I would also like to know if you make any further suggestions.

Thank you for your cooperation in bringing this matter to a conclusion.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC T. BELL

ETB/acb

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October 31, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

The additions you made to your manuscript with your letter to Dr. Adelson of October 25th are in the hands of the printer. As you anticipated these will necessitate repaging and the receipt of a revised page proof. Unfortunately, this makes the already tight schedule we had set for ourselves still more tight, since we will need from you the index and this you can prepare only when the page proofs are in the final form. Our printer expects the revised page proofs at the end of the week and will send to you directly a set by air mail. May we ask that you get the copy for the index to us just as soon as possible. The printer is trying to schedule the printing of this along with two other monographs so that we may have delivery of all three before the end of this calendar year.

In connection with the dedication which you added while I was away I propose to shorten it to; "dedicated to my wife, Evelyn" as being more appropriate in this type of publication than the more lengthy form.

Sincerely yours,

Sawyer McA. Mosser

Sawyer McA. Mosser
Secretary

SMM:RMg

October 31, 1956

Mr. Howard Adelman
American Mathematical Society
Broadway, between 115th and 116th
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adelman:

I forgot to tell you, in my previous letter, that I did not revise the index for my forthcoming article in view of the fact that the pagination might be changed.

I could very easily prepare an index in two different ways because, at most, one page will be the extent of the addition.

If you think that is advisable, please let me know promptly as it will probably save a lot of time in bringing the publication to completion.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

D. H./eb

November 2, 1956

Mr. Sawyer McA. Mosser, Secretary
American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th and 156th Sts.
New York 32, New York

Dear Mr. Mosser:

As I indicated in the letter I wrote to Dr. Adelson yesterday, I will have the index back to you by return mail as soon as the repaging is done. I certainly will not be the cause of any delay.

As to the dedication, I would appreciate it if you would reconsider leaving the text the way it was originally written. I think that it adds a little touch of informality which is often necessary in a technical subject. The second reason why this means so much to me personally is that it will enable me to continue my research and writing of a much more elaborate manuscript which I propose to submit to you. In doing work of this sort time is taken from our family life and a dedication of this sort will be an appeasement which will be invaluable to me if she can show it to others and therefore justify my work.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

November 6, 1956

J. J. Augustin, Incorporated, Publishers
Locust Valley, New York

Gentlemen: RE: COINAGE FOR COLONIAL VIRGINIA

In order to avoid any further delay, I am enclosing herewith the text for the index which I understand you need. You will then be able to put the page number in the table of contents as to the plates.

On pages 7, 10, 12 and 13, please change the word "John" to "Robert", as indicated.

On page 20, please insert in the text, "page 21" in the blank.

On page 42, at the bottom, the "7" should be moved one space to the left.

On page 47 there is an ink mark caused by some blank being out of place.

Otherwise the form established is most satisfactory.

Would you be kind enough to return this final page proof to me as soon as it has served your purpose.

Sincerely yours,

[illegible] F. Lessner

[illegible]/rbb

cc: American Numismatic Society
New York

November 15, 1956

The American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th & 156th Sts.
New York City 32, New York

Attention: Mr. S. H. Hosser

Dear Mr. Hosser:

In connection with Coinage for Colonial Virginia which you are about to publish, I have certain obligations to send a copy to those who helped me and I would like to ascertain whether you customarily send copies to these parties. They are as follows:

Harvard University,
Yale University,
University of Chicago,
Newberry Library, Chicago,
Virginia Historical Society,
Colonial Williamsburg,
Missouri Historical Society,
Mercantile Library, St. Louis,
St. Louis Public Library,
Washington University Library, St. Louis,
Johns Hopkins University,
University of Virginia
William & Mary University,
Virginia State Library,
Royal Mint Museum Library (London)

I am sending you this letter in duplicate so that you can indicate those who customarily receive your publication. Over and above the foregoing, I would like 25 copies personally and then naturally none of them will be sold.

I would also like to know what is customary with respect to expenses incurred in connection with writing articles. It would be of benefit to me if I could make a donation to the Society to cover my expenses and to have them reimburse me for such expenses. If that is done by others, I would like to do it. Would you advise me on this point.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN:dv

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✓Mercantile Library, St. Louis,
✓St. Louis Public Library,
Washington University Library, St. Louis,
Johns Hopkins University,
University of Virginia
✓William & Mary University,
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Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

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November 27, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

We are returning to you the copy of your letter of November 15th, in which you list the Institutions to which copies of your monographs should be sent in return for the help they gave you in its preparation. We have checked those on the list which do not regularly receive our publications as they appear. It is our custom to send courtesy copies to all those who have been of material aid in a monograph preparation. We will see that these are sent. Their number will not be deducted for the regular twenty-five author copies you will receive.

In regard to the questions you raised concerning expenses, we have often borne expenses of an author which were incurred after its acceptance by us for publication. For instance, in your own case we assumed the costs of reprinting and repreparing the copy for the plates. It has not, however, been our practice to assume expenses which were incurred before we accepted a manuscript.

Sincerely yours,

Sawyer McA. Mosser

SMM:RMg

Sawyer McA. Mosser
Secretary

December 2[illegible],195[illegible]

Dr. Daniel Boorstin
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Dan:

You will recall that when you were with us in St. Louis I discussed with you a monograph I had in preparation on Coinage for Colonial Virginia. You were interested particularly in the fact that Jefferson was involved in the matter in a minor way. I told you that I felt that Jefferson had made a misstatement in his notes on coinage and in his notes on Virginia with respect to the copper coinage of Virginia.

The article has finally come out of the womb and I am enclosing a copy of it.

Although parts of it may be too technical from a numismatic point of view to be of interest philosophically I believe that you will be interested in the exchange difficulty which took place in its planning stage.

At least you will see that I admit that the "error" which Jefferson made was the primary reason why I began the research on the subject.

My wife joins me in sending you and yours our best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

January 4, 1957

Mr. Sawyer McA. Hosser,
American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th and 156th Sts.
New York 32, New York

Dear Mr. Hosser:

I wish to thank you, very much, for sending me the 25 copies of the monograph on "Coinage for Colonial Virginia." I enjoyed writing this little book very much and hope that you will receive a substantial number of orders for it.

You previously indicated you would send complimentary copies to those organizations who were of help to me and which I listed in my letter of November 16, 1956. I would like to write each of them a letter at approximately the time you send the complimentary copy to them and would appreciate it if you would advise me when they are sent out.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/etb

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January 8, 1957

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400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am happy to know that your 25 copies of the monographs have arrived in good order. You probably realize by this time that the general distribution to our membership has been made, likewise review copies have been sent out. Today the complimentary copies to those noted in your letter of November 15th, will go out in the mail. Note, however, that these complimentary copies are going only to those on that list who do not regularly receive our publications either on a membership or an exchange basis.

Sincerely yours,

Sawyer McA. Mosser

SMM:RMg

Sawyer McA. Mosser
Secretary

EDISON BROTHERS STORES, Inc

January 9, 1957

Mr. Walter Brown
Box 1024 Grand Central Station
New York 17, New York

Dear Walter:

Thank you for your note concerning coinage for Colonial Virginia. Your criticisms are entirely justified as I would very much have liked to have given detail on rarity and die progression. As far as die progression is concerned, I felt that it served no particular purpose. In so far as rarity is concerned, I had so little cooperation from certain collectors and dealers that I felt the 200 coins which I saw were not a good enough sample. I am sure you are familiar with how uncooperative people are at times. As far as the plates are concerned I begged ANS to make certain adjustments in both the text of the plates and in the quality of the plates. In fact, they even wanted to eliminate the little dedicatory passage to my wife in so far as the necklace was concerned.

To answer specifically some of your questions, I can say that all of the Virginia coins were shipped to America at one time. I have pictures of all of those found in Williamsburg and they are so corroded that it is almost impossible to tell their varieties but, apparently, the varieties which were found in the Cohen hoard also circulated.

I certainly realize your problems with respect to publication of the books you have written and I believe that the Mark Newby coinage and Woods coinage might be something they would like. I may have some information on the Woods coinage which you should know about before you submit your manuscript in final form.

If you want to do me a great favor, I would like to read your book on New Jersey coppers and I will return your copy to you if you do not have an extra one.

My very best to you and thank you for the suggestions.

Incidentally, I am helping D. Wayne Johnson, in a small way, on his directory and I hope he is successful. He is a hard worker and a real promoter. He thinks the world of you.

Sincerely yours,

P.S. You have long wanted an article on counterfeit Continental currency and it will be published any moment. I am having reprints made and, of course, will send you some.

E.P.W.

January 11, 1957

Royal Mint
Tower Hill
London, England

Attention: Mr. Stride

Dear Mr. Stride:

Under separate cover there has been mailed to the Royal Mint Library the booklet I wrote on Coinage for Colonial Virginia. You will recall, when I visited you in 1955, you were very helpful to me and I wish to express my appreciation for that cooperation. You will notice my acknowledgement to the Royal Mint and in the plates there is a picture of the impression made from the die in the Royal Mint collection.

I have been reading with great interest your articles currently running in Seaby's Bulletin and I look forward to visiting you again upon my next trip to England.

The topic on which I am now writing involves the use of British copper coin in America and I have been in correspondence with Mr. Peck, of London, who seems to be working on a similar book for England.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN/mch

July 15, 1954

Williamsburg Restoration
Williamsburg, Virginia

Gentlemen:

Special halfpence were minted for Virginia in 1773 and when I was in Williamsburg, about 12 years ago, I recall that you dug up some of these halfpence in restoration work.

I have just completed some legal research into the authority for the issuance and circulation of those halfpence proving that those halfpence were the only coins made for use in the American colonies which were authorized as legal tender.

I do not know whether a display of your coins with the proof of their authorization might be an interesting exhibit, but I sincerely believe it would be of interest to the public.

If the matter appeals to you, let me know and I will be glad to cooperate with you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Colonial Williamsburg
Restored by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.
Williamsburg, Virginia

August 12, 1954

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Your letter concerning an exhibit of the 1773 half pence has created much interest here. We do have some of these coins which were dug up in the restoration work here.

At this particular time, however, an exhibit such as you suggest is not feasible for us. It is quite possible that we would be interested in the project at some future date. In that case we will certainly get in touch with you, and in the meantime we thank you very much for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

Van MacNair

Van MacNair
Assistant Director of
Public Relations

February 14, 1955

Colonial Williamsburg
Williamsburg, Virginia

Gentlemen:

I have almost completed a paper on the coinage of halfpence for Virginia and it occurred to me that in your manuscripts there might be some information which I should have.

You have the papers of John Norton and Sons, as indicated in the guide to your manuscript collections. Among those letters are some written by Robert Carter Nicholas, Treasurer of the Colony of Virginia. It so happens that John Norton and Sons furnished the copper and secured the franchise for the coinage of Virginia halfpence and handled that matter from the beginning of 1773 until the halfpence were delivered in February, 1775.

Would it be possible for you to look through your index of these manuscripts or during this portion of the correspondence to see if there are any accounts, documents, letters or other items relating to Virginia halfpence.

May I have your suggestions on this matter as I am very anxious to locate any available material.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Colonial Williamsburg
Restored by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.
Williamsburg, Virginia

February 18, 1955

Mr. Eric P. Newman, Secretary
Famous Brothers Stores, Incorporated
Executive Offices
409 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

There are several letters in the Norton Papers from Robert Carter Nicholas to John Norton and from Norton to Nicholas relating to the Virginia Halfpence. These letters have been published: Frances Norton Mason, ed., John Norton & Sons Merchants of London and Virginia (Richmond, Va., 1937). If you do not have access to a copy of this book, we can furnish you with photostats made from the originals.

I presume you have consulted the Legislative Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia, Journals of the House of Burgesses, Hening's Statutes At Large, and the Virginia Gazette Index.

Ref: Vaughan 328.755

If we can be of any further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Lynette Adcock

Lynette Adcock
Manuscripts Assistant

February 21, 1955

Miss Lynette Adcock
Manuscripts Assistant
Colonial Williamsburg
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Miss Adcock:

I am very grateful to you for advising me with respect to the correspondence between Robert Carter Nicholas and John Norton. I was unable, in St. Louis, to locate a copy of the published material of John Norton & Sons and I would be most appreciative if I could have a photostat of the originals.

My work on Virginia halfpence is virtually completed except for this correspondence and I have checked the Virginia Gazette index and the Statutes At Large but have been advised that the legislative journals for the period from 1773 to 1775 are missing. If, however, there are journals of the 1773 to 1775 period which are available I would very much appreciate being advised.

I frankly feel that I have assembled a very exciting story about the coinage of Colonial Virginia.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

Colonial Williamsburg
Restored by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.
Williamsburg, Virginia

February 3, 1955

Mr. Eric L. Newman, Secretary
Folson Brothers Stores, Incorporated
Executive Offices
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am mailing under separate cover the photostats of the letters of Robert Carter Nicholas concerning the Virginia halfpence. Enclosed is a bill for the photostats, which you may remit at your earliest convenience.

In our library there are the Journals of the House of Burgesses for the years 1773-1775. The earliest mention of the copper money is on November 22, 1769. Other references on May 25, 1770 and March 31, 1772.

We do not have the original letter of August 6, 177. from John Norton to John Hatley Norton. Therefore, I have copied from the book the portion concerning the copper money.
"...Lord Hillsborough sent out, I suppose this preventing my being able to get the affair of Copper Currency fix'd, tho I have been promised by his Lordship it shou'd be done, and have frequently attended him for that purpose... Mr. Montagu is just by me and says L. Hillsborough has resigned and Lord Dartmouth appointed in his stead so that I have a fresh application to make about the Copper Coin."

If we can be of any further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Lynette Adcock

Lynette Adcock
Manuscripts Assistant

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Feb 26,1955

Miss Lynette Adcock
Manuscripts Assistant
Colonial Williamsburg
Williamsburg, Virginia.

Dear Miss Adcock:

Since writing you on February 21,1955 I have been able to borrow a copy of the John Norton & Sons' published material and therefore I will not need as much from you.

There are a few important matters I would like to have from the manuscripts themselves, namely: Is there any picture or sketch in the June 16, 1772 letter from Nicholas to John Norton?

Are there any unpublished documents of any kind which relate to the copper halfpence?

In the April 6,1772 letter from Nicholas there is a reference to a warrant issued by George III and I believe this is completely unknown and wonder how to go about locating a copy.

The only photostat I need therefore is one of the June 16,1772 letter if it has any kind of a drawing and any unpublished letters or documents relating to the coinage.

I have found 17 different dies of the obverse of the Virginia halfpence and 19 reverses.I now realize why their circulation was delayed by Mr.Nicholas and why the public refused to spend them after they obtained them.

Your helpfulness with respect to the foregoing will be most appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

epn/epn

February 28,1955

Miss Lynette Adcock
Manuscripts Assistant
Colonial Williamsburg
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Miss Adcock:

Your letter of February 23 and the photostats you prepared crossed my letter of February 26 but, of course, no harm is done. I am enclosing a check for your expenses.

I am delighted that you have the Journals of the House of Burgesses and you indicate that there are references to the coinage on November 22, 1769, May 25, 1770 and March 31, 1772. Is it possible for me to have photostats of those items and any other items which might be in the journals.

I would appreciate your suggestion on how to locate a warrant issued by George III with respect to copper money which is mentioned in the letter of April 6, 1772 from Mr. Nicholas. Would you let me know if you can find that warrant in your library. I am, of course, familiar with the May 20,1773 and the November 14,1774 warrant with respect to the Virginia coinage but have never heard of the earlier warrant which is referred to. If you are unable to locate that warrant I will have to write to London and try to let them find the date it was issued.

You have no idea how much I appreciate your helpfulness with respect to this copper currency matter. I hope the information I develop will be worth while.

Sincerely yours,

EHM/atb

March 9, 1955

Miss Lynette Adcock
Manuscripts Assistant
Colonial Williamsburg
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Miss Adcock:

In examining your photostat of the June 16, 1772 letter from Robert Nicholas to John Norton, I note that some one has placed after the signature, an indication that there were two enclosures with that letter. It is entirely possible that these enclosures were the drawings for the coins in question and I am wondering if they are in your files.

I will appreciate hearing from you on this and with respect to the matters requested in my previous letter.

Thank you, again, for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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Colonial Williamsburg
Restored by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.
Williamsburg, Virginia

March 17, 1955

Mr. Eric P. Newman, Secretary
Edison Brothers Stores Incorporated
Executive Offices
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I regret the delay in your order of photostats. I am mailing them under separate cover. The bill is enclosed.

The warrant issued by George III, which is mentioned in the letter of April 6, 1772, is not in our possession. You might write the Public Record Office in London concerning this matter.

The two enclosures on the letter of June 16, 1772 from Robert Carter Nicholas to John Norton are invoices of materials ordered from England.

The letter from the Earl of Hillsborough mentioned under date of March 31, 1772, in the photostat from the Journals of the House of Burgesses, is not in our possession.

I hope this has answered your questions.

Very truly yours,

Lynette Adcock

Lynette Adcock
Manuscripts Assistant

April 2, 1956

Mr. Raymond M. Williamson
103 Iroquois Lane
Liverpool, New York

Dear Mr. Williamson:

A few days ago I received a copy of your comments on my article on Coinage for Colonial Virginia and I want you to know how much I appreciate not only the work that went into your comments but in the challenging positions you took in discussing my article. At least I know that you understand the problems I have tackled. In this letter I am not going into the merits of your points individually because I am checking further on certain questions you have raised.

You certainly have put your finger on the most difficult portion of the research, namely, the exchange ratios and the relationship between weights of copper coins and their circulating value. I am writing an extended study on other Colonial copper coins which I will probably complete in a year or so.

I do want you to know, however, that I have spent many sleepless nights over the question of whether English halfpence were 46 or 48 to the pound. Every official British reference makes them 46 to the pound. I have weighed uncirculated specimens of every date from 1770 to 1775 and find them 46 to the pound; yet, there are references to the 48 to the pound basis in letters and calculations and I do not understand it. I met Sir John Craig last summer and asked him the same question, and he had no answer. Of course, his study was the London Mint only and if the private mints in Birmingham officially made dies for special coinage of copper for America, then this 48 to the pound might be possible but most of the Birmingham coinage (Ihave over 100 specimens of counterfeits in my collection) are light weight imitations, far below 48 to the pound, as the New York report states. I have almost come to the conclusion that the 48 to the pound was a convenient figure to use for calculation. I wish you would give me any further thoughts you have on this subject.

It is very funny that you mentioned the brass tobacco box. I have one in my home and just found another in England for a

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friend. They were invented about 1830 and patented by Mr. Rich. Perhaps there are earlier ones but mine is about 12 inches long, 5 inches wide, and 5 inches high.

Again, many thanks for your efforts and I will answer your points one by one as I proceed with their review.

I certain look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. HAMMAR

EPH/atb

April 2, 1956

Colonial Williamsburg
Williamsburg, Virginia

Attention: Mr. Orin W. Bullock, Jr.

Gentlemen:

I have just received notice that the American Numismatic Society wishes to publish my monograph on Coinage for Colonial Virginia, which is a study of the 1773 Virginia halfpence. One of the reviewers of the article, Mr. R.W. Williamson, was kind enough to transmit to me the contents of your letter to him dated August 16, 1955 with respect to the coins excavated in Williamsburg. I would very much like to include in my article more information on these coins.

You list 2 English pennies of 1722 and 2 English pennies of 1740. These would be either halfpence or farthings and the 1722 pieces may be Irish or Rosa Americana issues. Please write me the diameter and legend on these coins. You also indicate there are some unidentified copper coins, probably of the Eighteenth Century. It is important to me that these are identified and I will be glad to do so for you if you will send them to the Missouri Historical Society, DeBaliviere Avenue and Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri, where I will examine them and return them to you within a few days. You also indicated that you are working on a study of Eighteenth Century currency and that is a subject on which I have gathered considerable information, particularly with respect to Virginia.

The one thing which I definitely need for my article is the exchange value between Virginia currency (Virginia Money of account) and Spanish 8 real pieces (Dollars) or British sterling. These ratios were probably set by the merchants meetings in Williamsburg. I have looked in the Virginia Gazette with little success. I found there was a 30% differential between Virginia currency and British in July, 1773. I know that there was a 25% differential late in 1775 and in 1761, but Robert Carter Nicholas states that it varied from 12-1/2% to 25% during his and his precedessor's tenure. I am sure you have gone into these matters very carefully. There may be some almanacs or bulletins or other sources of this in-

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formation which I do not have available. I am familiar with the American Negotiator, published by J. Wright in England, with the Virginia Gazette and with the Nortons' correspondence. Is it possible that you can give me these exchange ratios between 1769 and 1775?

Please give me your prompt cooperation on this matter as I hope to leave no stone unturned to have my monograph as accurate as possible. If there is any further clarification of my request which you want, please advise me.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

P. S. Miss Adcock, your librarian, was helpful to me previously in preparing my monograph.

E.P.N.

April 16, 1956

Colonial Williamsburg
Williamsburg, Virginia
Attention: Mr. Orin M. Bullock, Jr.

Gentlemen:

My article on the coinage of Virginia is going to press in a very few days and I would appreciate it if you could give me even a partial answer to my letter about the coins excavated there.

Would you do me that courtesy?

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Colonial Williamsburg
Restored by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.
Williamsburg, Virginia

April 19, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Incorporated
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am sorry that our delay in responding to your request of April 2, 1956 for the information in connection with coins and relative currency values is causing you anxiety about meeting your publication dead line.

The coins are in exhibition in our museum and cannot very well be loaned to you. We have, however, taken photographs of the collection and if the prints are ready by the time this letter is typed, copies will be enclosed. If not I will forward a set as soon as they are ready.

I regret also that the Historian who has been studying currency values has been and will remain out of the city until next week. We will forward you some additional information on values when he returns. We find that the Jamieson Papers, Volume XVII, page 4011 in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress lists the rates of Virginia and English exchange for the years 1764 to 1773. The rate in May 1764 was 60%, it reached a low of 15% in December 1769 and crept back up to 30% by May 1773.

I am sorry that this letter conveys so little information of assistance to you but the urgency expressed in your note of April 16, 1956 could not be neglected.

Very truly yours,

Orin M. Bullock, Jr.

Orin M. Bullock, Jr.
Supervisor of Architectural Research

Colonial Williamsburg
Restored by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.
Williamsburg, Virginia

April 24, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Incorporated
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am enclosing two photographs of our copper coins, one showing the obverse and one the reverse sides which are actually more legible than the coins themselves.

The Historian who has been working on a paper on money values during the 18th century has returned but unfortunately has no additional information on the subject at this time. It seems that this subject is only one of several on which he has been working and his notes are not yet complete.

There is some question in my mind as to how much of the specific information gathered by the Historians and others of Colonial Williamsburg may ever be released to individual scholars prior to its publication here. But in any case, it will be some time before this particular subject has been covered and the question raised officially. Too late, I am sure, for your current use.

Very truly yours,

Orin M. Bullock, Jr.
Supervisor of Architectural Research

1722 Rosa 1d
1722 Rosa 1d
1722 English ½d
1739
1775 d
1796-1807
Irish, Geo II

COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG

COPPER COINS

20A: Carter-Saunders House

11A: Lightfoot House

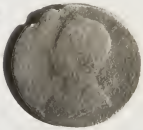
15A: Curtis-Galpin House

Block 23

18H: Virginia Gazette Site

[illegible]: Grey Lot

16A: Green Site (Coll. of [illegible] Perry)



[illegible]: Brown Site (Fort Hall)

21A: Fort Hall Well

8E: Blue Hall Trench

COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG

COPPER COINS

30A:Carter-Saunders House

22C1:Minor Lot

11A:Lightfoot House

16A:Wren Bldg.(Coll.of Wm.& Mary)

13A:Custis-Maupin House

20A28:Governor's Palace (East Well)

Block 28

1A1:Bassett Hall Well

18H:Virginia Gazette Site

8E:Blue Bell Tavern

May 1, 1956

Mr. Orin N. Bullock
Colonial Williamsburg
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Bullock:

Thank you, very much, for your prompt cooperation with respect to the coins found at Williamsburg. I have been able to identify all except one and I am using your designation on the photograph to identify them. This is:

30-A-1722 Rosa Americana (Wood's patent) one pence
11-B-1722 Rosa Americana (Wood's patent) one pence
13-A counterfeit George II English halfpenny
20-1720 genuine English George II halfpenny
18-B Undecipherable
22-B-1-1722 English halfpenny
16-A 1739 (?) George II English halfpenny
20-A-20-1775 counterfeit George III English halfpenny
1A1 - United States cent (1796-1807)
8-B - Irish George II halfpence

You indicated in your letter of August 16, 1955 to Mr. Raymond Williamson, that there were 6 copper Spanish coins, a United States cent of 1798, a United States half cent of 1793 and 33 Virginia halfpence. Although my article will go to press, the type, I believe, will be set in Germany, and I would like to complete the detail on your coins even if it has to be by way of correction or addition of my text. Would it be possible for you to send me photographs of the 33 Virginia halfpence and the 6 Spanish coins so that I may identify their varieties. I have found 27 different varieties of Virginia halfpence and am illustrating them in my forthcoming monograph. I think that the identification of your Virginia halfpence will be valuable to you and it is also important as to whether the Spanish copper coins are from Spain or from Spanish colonial dominions.

You will note that I have identified some of the coppers as counterfeit. These circulated in as great a quantity as the genuine, as England made little effort to control that menace.

May 1, 1956

As to your attitude regarding releasing information before publication by you, I understand fully, and I feel that I now have adequate facts for my project.

Thank you, again, for your cooperation and I look forward to receiving the photographs of the above-mentioned coins.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/vth

Colonial Williamsburg
Restored by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.
Williamsburg, Virginia

June 22, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Your letter of May 1st has been received. It was good to have your identification of the ten copper coins recovered from archaeological explorations in Williamsburg, of which two photographs, showing the obverse and reverse, were furnished you with my letter dated April 19th.

Your continued interest in our collection of excavated coins has stimulated Mr. Moreau B. C. Chambers, Supervisor of our Archaeological Laboratory and his staff to subject the entire collection of copper and silver coins to a careful cataloguing and cleaning. In certain instances the cleaning was not wholly successful. Any suggestions will be welcomed that will improve their condition. Thus far, Rochelle Salt solution, steel wool, and "Blue Ribbon Cream Metal Polish" have been used. An interesting result of the cleaning is the discovery that certain Spanish coins, hitherto thought to be of copper, actually are of silver.

You will find that the three cards of 88 coins, thus assembled and photographed in obverse and reverse, contain our entire collection of copper and silver coins excavated in Williamsburg (apart from a few recent French and Italian pieces), and include among them the ten copper coins previously photographed for your study.

The only coin bearing an inscription on its edge is the U. S. copper half-cent of 1793, catalogued as 14-59-17B3, reading "Two Hundred For a Dollar". The last three coins in the second row of silver pieces bear mentioning. The Christian VII of Denmark 2-skilling piece (14-83-27B) appears to be an alloy of silver with a little copper. Next to it (14-84-17D0 is a piece, apparently of lead, while the third and final piece (14-85-0C) is made of a hard white metal, non-silvery in ring, with a suspiciously brassy appearance.

It is good to find your study of Colonial Coinage in progress. I hope that it will include the coins excavated in Williamsburg. I regret this delay in getting the pictures to you, but considerable work had to be done to get the collection into presentable condition for photographing, and the latter operation, too, was not without problems.

Very truly yours,

Orin M. Bullock

Orin M. Bullock, Jr.
Supervisor of Architectural Research

Enclosures: (6)

Geo II
English
(1729-54)

1740 English

Geo II
(date illegible)

Geo II

Geo II Dated
(1757-60)

Irish Penny
(date illegible)

Off
Geo III
1774
½ ¢

Geo III

Geo III
½ ¢

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½ ¢
(1770-5)

Geo III
English

1793
Spanish colonial
Spanish colonial

1793
US ½ ¢

1793
US ½ ¢

40 Pa ½ ¢

June 28,1956

Colonial Williamsburg
Williamsburg, Virginia

Attention: Mr. Orin V. Bullock

Gentlemen:

I am very glad that you were able to send me the photographs of the coins which have been excavated in the course of your restoration and am identifying them for you on an accompanying schedule.

As far as cleaning the coins is concerned, I suggest that you leave them in their present state as it is almost impossible to clean copper coins and have the appearance be satisfactory after the corrosion has been removed. I had thought I would be able to classify them from a die variety point of view from the photographs but their condition is not,as a whole, satisfactory for that purpose.

My suggestion to you is that you acquire some choice specimens of the Virginia halfpence for exhibition in the museum and if you want me to locate some I will be glad to do so. They are very reasonable in price or perhaps someone will give you them.

One of the unusual items in the group excavated is the Washington Funeral medal put out in 1799, which is fully described in Baker's Book on Medals of Washington, No.166.

Thank you for your cooperation and if I can be of any further assistance to you after my summer vacation, please let me hear from you.

The publication of the article on the Virginia halfpence ought to be available some time this fall, as it is being printed in Germany.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

14-41-13A
George II
English half-
penny
(1729-54)

14-42-B1k.28
1740 English
George II
halfpenny

14-43-30B
George II
English
halfpenny
(1729-54)

14-44-16A
George II
English
halfpenny
(1738)

14-45-29A
George II
English
halfpenny
(1721-54)

14-46-20A21
George II
Irish half-
penny
(1737-60)

14-47-8E
George II
Irish half-
penny
(1737-60)

14-48-17C2
Counterfeit
George III
English
halfpenny
(1774)

14-49-20A
English
Wm. III half-
penny
(1695-1701)

14-50-16A
1722
George I
English
halfpenny

14-51-20A28
Counterfeit
George III
English
halfpenny
(1770-5)

14-52-21A3
Counterfeit
George III
English
halfpenny
(1770-5)

14-53-22C1
1722 George I
English
halfpenny

14-54-18H

Undecipher-
able

14-55-17D1
1793
Bermuda
halfpenny
token

14-56-30A
1722 Rosa
Americana
(Wood's coin-
age) penny

14-57-11A
1722 Rosa
Americana
(Wood's coin-
age) penny)

14-58-0C
Charles II
Scottish
Bawbee or
sixpence
(1677-9)

14-59-17B5
1793
U. S. half
cent

14-60-0C
1798
U. S. cent

14-88-0C Mutilated 1763 Hungarian
14-76-0C 1717 Mexico one real
14-77-0C 1787 Mexico two reales
14-78-27B 1756 Mexico two reales
14-79-16A 1739 Mexico one real
14-80-29A1 1783 Mexico one real
14-81-13B 1789 half real (Mexico?)
14-82-18B Charles IV half real (Mexico)
14-83-27B 1785 Denmark 2 skillings

14-84-17D Washington Funeral Medal in Tin.
(Baker No. 166). Inscription reads:
"HE IS IN GLORY THE WORLD IN TEARS"
"B.F.11 1732, G.A. ARM. '75, R '83, P.U.S.A. '89, R '96,
G.ARM.U.S. '98. OB.D. 14 1799"

14-85-0C Jeton or counter in imitation of 1724
Spanish 2 real (Madrid mint)

Colonial Williamsburg
Restored by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.
Williamsburg, Virginia

July 5, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Incorporated
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 28, 1956 and the identification of our coin collection which you so kindly sent to us.

For the present we do not exhibit anything in our museum which was not directly related to Colonial Williamsburg. However, your suggestion that we acquire specimens for exhibition may be followed in the future when we have a museum with a little wider scope.

I hope you have a good holiday.

Sincerely yours,

Orin M. Bullock, Jr.

Orin M. Bullock, Jr.
Supervisor of Architectural Research

Colonial Williamsburg
Restored by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.
Williamsburg, Virginia

August 9, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Incorporated
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I have given up hoping that one of the sheets listing your comments on our coin collection, which should have arrived with your letter of June 28, 1956 would turn up. We have the sheet which starts with: 14-41-13A
George II
English half-
penny
(1729-54)

It is apparent that there was another sheet with your letter and I thought it might have become detached in our mail room and would eventually be found.

If you and your secretary would be kind enough to send us a copy of this missing list we would be most grateful.

Sincerely yours,

Orin M. Bullock, Jr.

Orin M. Bullock, Jr.
Supervisor of Architectural Research

August 27, 1956

Mr. Orin W. Bullock, Jr.
Supervisor of Architectural Research
Colonial Williamsburg
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Bullock:

Your letters of July 5th and August 9th arrived while I was on my vacation and I want to assure you that you did not lose anything. The list I sent you merely identified the coins which I felt there might be some difficulty in identifying. The 40 Virginia halfpence which are pictured did not require identification and I am enclosing herewith the identification of the United States coins not previously identified. This will enable you, with the sheet previously furnished, to identify all the coins which were found in the restoration.

The publication of my work on Virginia coins should be distributed this winter.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

EM/atb

1h-61-0C	1800 U. S. 1¢
1h-62-0C	1864 U. S. 2¢
1h-63-1A1	U. S. 1¢ (period 1796-1807)
1h-64-27B	U. S. half cent (period 1808-1828)
1h-65-30A	1810 U. S. Cent
1h-66-0C	1818 U. S. cent
1h-67-0C	1819 U.S. cent
1h-68-0C	1826 U.S. 1/2 cent
1h-69-0C	1834 U.S. cent
1h-70-22C	1838 U. S. cent
1h-71-2B1	1863 U. S. cent
1h-72-16A	1874 U. S. cent
1h-73-18B	1887 U. S. cent
1h-74-71D5	1890 U. S. cent
1h-75-20A	Unidentifiable
1h-86-0C	U. S. Cent (period 1816-1838)
1h-87-17D3	Unidentifiable

January 21,1957

Mr. Orin N. Bullock
Colonial Williamsburg
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Bullock:

My book on Coinage for Colonial Virginia has just been published by the American Numismatic Society and a complimentary copy has been mailed to Colonial Williamsburg for its helpfulness to me in the course of the work.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank both you and Miss Lynette Adcock, of the Manuscripts Division, for assistance in gathering some of the material for the publication.

I sincerely hope that this publication will be of interest to you and that it may be of full to the historian who has been studying currency values.

If you need additional copies I am sure they can be purchased from the American Numismatic Society.

Thank you, again, for your helpfulness.

Sincerely,

EPK/ttb

Eric P. Newman

CC: Miss Lynette Adcock

RICHARD D. KENNEY
3204 RADIANCE ROAD
LOUISVILLE 5, KENTUCKY

1/20/57

Dear Eric:

Just a note to say how much I appreciated your latest — the wonderful Ars Monograph and the lead article in the Numismatist. Keep up the excellent record. Lord knows how much I enjoy your prolific output. Perhaps, some day, when the brood is older, my present products can be whipped into order.

Regards
Dick

No doubt will have the pleasure of meeting you at end of April.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
CHICAGO 37 · ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
1126 EAST 59TH STREET

January 22, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman, Secretary
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for your letter of December 28th and for the copy of your monograph, "Coinage for Colonial Virginia." I have not yet had an opportunity to study your monograph as I intend to. But from even casually reading it I found a number of interesting things ~~in it~~. I can see that you have done some real digging, and you have also been able to draw together the details into some important general conclusions. It was awfully nice of you to think of me in this connection. I do hope that we keep in touch on our common research.

At the moment I am giving all my research and writing time to completing the first draft of the manuscript of the first volume of a general history of American culture on which I have been working for many years. This particular volume comes down to about the period of the Revolution.

I have been particularly anxious to complete this draft because I want to have it with me for revision and cutting when we set off for Japan.

About the middle of March Ruth and the boys and I are leaving for a six-month jaunt to Japan where I will be lecturing on American History at Kyoto University. We are flying out by way of San Francisco, will stop for a rest and some sun at Hawaii on the way, and I will begin lecturing at Kyoto around the first of April. We are expecting to be back here in October.

As you can imagine, we are all quite delighted at the opportunity to have a glimpse of the Orient. Everyone tells us that Japan -- and especially Kyoto -- will give us the ideal vantage point for a brief first glimpse.

It would be nice to see you and Evelyn if you get up this way.

I am enclosing a brochure of a series of books on American History which I am editing for the University of Chicago Press, the first volumes of which have just appeared. Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the volume on "The American Revolution" which was written for our Series by Ed Morgan, of Yale. If you get round to reading it, please let me know how it strikes you.

All the best to everybody in the family.

Yours,

Dan

Daniel J. Boorstin,
Professor of American History

DJB:ms
Encl.

January 24, 1957

Mr. Richard D. Hensley
3204 Kathleen Road
Louisville 5, Kentucky

Dear Dick:

Thank you for the very nice letter with respect to my recent articles on Virginia Coinage and Counterfeit Continental Currency. The last half of the Counterfeit Continental Currency article will be published in the February Numismatist and I will have reprints available. I will be glad to send you one.

I sincerely appreciate your thought in writing to me.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

ENN/atb

January 24, 1957

The Secretary
Public Record Office
Chancery Lane, W. C. 2
London, England

Attention: Mr.E. K. Tinney

Gentlemen:

The cooperation which your office has given me inconnection with locating the Good Samaritan seal used by the Commissioners of the Sick and Hurt is appreciated more than you know. You seem to have a fantastic ability to find one or more needles in a haystack and I am very grateful for your diligence.

I am enclosing a check to cover the cost of a negative photostat of the engraving of the seal which you located and you may complete it for the proper amount to cover your cost.

If there is a date on this printed form I would appreciate being advised. Would you also be kind enough to give me the date of the payment to Martin Johnson for the two seals which he engraved as well as the exact text of that entry.

I would also like to know how I can arrange to obtain replies by air mail from you. You may feel perfectly free to include in my check a sufficiency for postage for air letters.

In a book recently published entitled "Coinage for Colonial Virginia" I included the Public Records Office as one of the organizations which gave me unusual cooperation. A copy of the book was sent to the British Museum.

Again, many thanks for your helpfulness.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri
U.S.A.

EPN/atb

February 4, 1957

Mr. Harry McL. Foster, Secretary
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets
New York 32, New York

Dear Mr. Foster:

In your letter to me of January 2, 1957 you indicated that complimentary copies of my article "Coinage for Colonial Virginia" were being sent to those who helped me and I have not yet been receiving the publication.

The Numismatic Library, 710 August Street, St. Louis, has informed me that their copy has not arrived; likewise, the Missouri Historical Society, Jefferson and Lindell, St. Louis, Missouri has not received their copy. I should have been from Colonial Williamsburg if they received their but I have not. Will you, therefore, be kind enough to check and see whether the eight copies which you indicated were to be sent out have been.

I just received a letter from the Public Records Office, Chancery Lane, London, England, in which they indicated that they have a library and would like, very much, to have a copy in view of the fact that they were so helpful to me in writing it. Would you be kind enough to send them a copy also.

I will now turn my attention to the Centennial publication.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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[illegible] LAKE SHORE BOULEVARD
CLEVELAND 8 OHIO

February 5, 1957

My dear Eric:

Ever so many thanks for the autographed copy of your publication on Virginia shillings. As you know, I think it is exceedingly well done and I appreciated even more having your signature. It is going out today to be bound with the green binding which is our color for early Colonial publications.

With many thanks and do continue to write more monographs.

Sincerely yours

Lucy Mae [illegible]

February 5, 1957

Public Records Office
Chancery Lane, W.C. 2,
London, England

Attention: Mr. E. K. Timings

Gentlemen:

Thank you for the information contained in your letter of January 31, 1957 with respect to the facsimile of the Good Samaritan seal which you are photostating for me. I have asked my friend, Mr. Peter Seaby, of London, to forward to you the necessary cost.

I was very glad to be notified that you have a library and would like to have a copy of the book I wrote on "Coinage for Colonial Virginia" and I have asked the publisher to send you one in recognition of your cooperation with me.

Thank you, again, for your cooperation and efficiency in connection with my inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

CABLE ADDRESS
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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
(FOUNDED 1858 · INCORPORATED 1865)
BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH AND 156TH STS.
NEW YORK 32, N.Y.

February 9, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman,

Upon receiving your letter of February 4th we immediately checked to see whether the complimentary copies of "Coinage for Colonial Virginia" were mailed, and find that all of them went out. However, since you did not list the addresses of the various institutions, we had our librarian provide them. One was sent to the Mercantile Trust Library, 721 Locust Street, St. Louis, Mo., which was not the same address as the one you gave in your recent letter. The librarian could not find the Missouri Historical Society listed but assumed that The State Historical Society of Missouri, at Columbia, Missouri was the same organization and so a copy was mailed to them. All of the other copies were mailed including one to Colonial Williamsburg. Yesterday we mailed copies to the Mercantile Library, 510 Locust Street, St. Louis, Mo., and one to the Missouri Historical Society at the St. Louis address which you gave in your letter and we hope that they will arrive safely.

Complying with your request, we are also mailing a copy of your monograph to the Public Records Office, Chancery Lane, London, England.

Sincerely yours,

Sawyer McA. Mosser

Sawyer McA. Mosser
Secretary

SMM:rb

ST. LOUIS MERCANTILE LIBRARY

St. Louis, Feb. 14, 1957

Dear Sir:

The Board of Direction gratefully acknowledges your gift:

Coinage for Colonial Virginia

Sincerely yours,

C. E. MILLER, *Librarian*

MICHAEL A. POWILLS
NUMISMATIST

February 11, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Would you mind appropriately autographing the "Coinage for Colonial Virginia" were I to mail it on to you with the necessary return postage? Over a period of years many of the authors who have contributed to the "Numismatic Notes and Monographs", some of whom I have known personally, have been kind enough to enhance my numismatic library with inscribed dated copies to me and I would deem it a pleasure to include your work in this category.

Yes, I have read your series of articles "Counterfeit Colonial Currency Goes To War" with more than passing interest. You are to be congratulated for the scholarly contribution!

Incidental to my gainful occupation, I have endeavored to build up a numismatic book business and if perchance I can be of any service to you your want list is respectfully invited.

In the event you have occasion to see D. Wayne Johnson - as I expect you do - I am confident that he will be more than happy to fill in the details on the extent of my numismatic library.

Anticipating the pleasure of your valued reply,

Sincerely yours,

MAP:df

9645 LEAVITT STREET CHICAGO 43, ILLINOIS CEDARCREST 3-7453

February 14, 1957

Mr. Michael A. Fowlis
9045 Lawitt Street
Chicago 43, Illinois

Dear Mr. Fowlis:

I am honored at your request for an autograph on my "Coinage for Colonial Virginia". You may feel free to send it at your convenience.

As to "Counterfeit Continental Currency Does Not Pay", I will be glad to send you a reprint as soon as I receive them. Thank you for your nice comments.

I am familiar with the fact that you have an excellent numismatic library due to my contact with W. Wayne Johnson. He is an enthusiast and a real worker in numismatic bibliography and has helped me in some of the research on Maine.

I am very pleased that you have suggested that you could help me with books I need for my library. At the present time I am trying to obtain the Plates of the Earl of Pembroke's collection, "History of the Currency in the British Colonies" by Robert Chalmers, and Hickcox's "Historical Account of American Coins". I would like to have both the early "Coin Collector's Journal" as well as Raymond's, "Coin Collector's Journal". Will you let me know if you have an extra copy of 1960 of the latter if you do not have it complete. You may feel free to submit anything to me on American numismatics which you have in duplicate as I am very interested in building my library further.

Right now I need Hickcox for an article I am writing for A.N.A. and would appreciate borrowing your copy if you do not have one for sale.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR M. KAGIN

AMK/mb

Your Reference

P.R.O. Reference 199

All letters to be addressed to
The Secretary.

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE,

CHANCERY LANE, W.C.2.

Telephone: Holborn 0741, 0742.

19 February 1957

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of February 5 and for your cheque. The Photostat was despatched to you last night.

It is most kind of you to send us a copy of your book on Colonial Coinage for our Library, and we look forward very much to receiving it.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
400 Washington Avenue,
ST. LOUIS 2,
Missouri,
U.S.A.

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February 27, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Mr. Braeden has sent off to you Hickcox's book which you asked to have on loan. Herewith, we are sending you the negatives you asked to borrow. Note that negative number 5890 is not present. This we have not been able to locate.

I am glad to hear of the favorable letters you are receiving in connection with your monograph. We have been hearing favorable remarks here as well and have begun to receive a number of orders.

Sincerely yours,

Sawyer McA. Mosser

Sawyer McA. Mosser
Secretary

SMM:RMg
encl.

Telephone: ROYAL 8261.

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YOUR REFERENCE

MINT REFERENCE

ROYAL MINT,
LONDON, E.C.3.

6th March, 1957.

Dear Mr. Newman,

Thank you for your letter of the 11th January.

A copy of your booklet on the Coinage for Colonial Virginia has now been received and placed in the Royal Mint Library.

I should like on behalf of myself and my colleagues, to thank you for this very interesting work and to congratulate you on the success you have achieved by what must have been long and patient research.

We shall look forward to seeing you again on the occasion of your next visit to England.

Yours sincerely,

Eric P. Newman, Esq.,
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.,
Executive Offices,
400 Washington Avenue,
St. Louis 2,
MO.,
U.S.A.

April 11, 1957

Mr. Samuel Del. Musser
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 155th
New York City 32, New York

Dear Mr. Musser:

I would very much like to have the paste-up of my "Coinage for Colonial Virginia". I can use this for delivering a lecture on the subject, if necessary, as I have a projector which throws actual photographs, coins and paper money on the screen.

Sincerely yours,

Scott J. Newell

sjn/ett

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WILLIAM WILD
FINANCIAL SECRETARY
24 PALHEMUS PLACE
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

January 19, 1958

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I have tried unsuccessfully in several places in New York City to obtain a copy of your Monogram "Coinage for Colonial Virginia," with reference to the Half-Cent.

You have been very helpful on several occasions in the past with regards to the 1/24 Part Real. I wonder if I might again call upon you for a copy of the above mentioned Virginia Coinage. I would be glad to compensate you for it.

Thanking you so much for your generosity in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

William J. Wild

William J. Wild
24 Polhemus Place
Brooklyn 15, New York

January 22, 1958

American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York 32, New York

Gentlemen:

I have a letter from William J.Wild, 24 Polhemus Place, Brooklyn 15, New York, requesting the purchase of a copy of my monograph "Coinage For Colonial Virginia.

If you have any for sale would you be kind enough to send him one with an invoice.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

CC: Mr.William J.Wild

VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED IN 1831

428 NORTH BOULEVARD RICHMOND 20, VIRGINIA

6 November 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of November 4th, we are forwarding to you a copy of the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, vol. 57, no. 4, containing our check list of the colonial Virginia paper currency which was presented to us by Dr. B. Randolph Wellford. Back issues of the Magazine sell for $2.00. We are enclosing in the shipment an invoice for that amount.

We do indeed have a copy of your fine monograph on coinage for colonial Virginia. It has been useful on many occasions.

With warmest good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Melville Jennings
Director

JMJ:wb